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October 14-15, 1971

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Berea - Wanda Carpenter, Ruth Huffman, Mrs. Thomas Berry, Rebecca Newton, Virgil and Flo Buff, Brady Burns, Earl Church, Ed Berry, Russell Huffman, Don Morton
Beulah - Virginia Rhoney, Mrs. C.R. Lindsay, Nellie Rudisill, Arthur Yancey, Minnie Mull
Carswell Memorial - Newland Carswell, Roy Carswell, Versie Carswell, Bertha Carswell, Rev. and Mrs. G.C. Wray
Corinth - Rev. and Mrs. Cecil Buff, Mr. and Mrs. Early Lail, Leonard Newton
Faith Olive -
Grace & Truth - Mrs. Willie Van Horn, Mrs. John Willis, Jessie Van Horn, Mrs. Roy Sheffield
Hildebran View -
Midway - Joseph Beavers, Rev. Grady McCurry, Myra Faye White, Mr. and Mrs. Lex Wright, Mrs. Charles Sigmon, Oliver Icard, Mrs. Ralph Cody
Mt. Calvary -
Mt. Gilead - Nadie Parker, Bessie Chapman, Carrie Buff, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Smith
Mt. Hebron - Ruth Hoyle, Esther Lagle, Betty Lail, Richard Bradshaw, Nell Brittain, Will Huffman
Mt. Vernon - Junie Gantt, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Williams, Hester Shull, Vassie Hoyle, Gladys Hull, Corene Lindsay, Annie Leatherman, R.L. Hoyle, Marie Parker
Mt. Zion - Mr. and Mrs. Sam Proctor, Ruth Angel, Thenie Wortman, C.B. Lindsay
Mull's Chapel - Harold Rhoney, Ernest Rhoney, D.P. Rhoney, Clyde McClurd, Cordie Rhoney, Rev. Richard Adams
Oak Ridge - Rev. and Mrs. Edsel Mull, Terry Childers
Olive Grove - Rev. and Mrs. Hansel Bryant, Mrs. Howard Walker, Leonia Hull, Myrtle Walker
Philadelphia - Rev. W.E. Keller
Pisgah - Rev. H.B. Dellinger, Theo Dellinger, Bertha Jones, Gene Canipe, Cleveland Buff, Bedie Buff
Pleasant Grove - Rev. John Smart, Mr. and Mrs. John E. Lindsay
St. John's - Ruby Huffman, Sam Huffman, Jane Huffman, Betty Huffman, Nellie Huffman, Lillie Huffman
St. Paul - Claude Cook, Gleen Meade, Mamie McNeely, Mrs. Tommy Taylor, Julius Earl, J.Z. Newton
Shoup's Grove - Lula Dameron, Desola Crotts, Joe Crotts, Rev. and Mrs. Dennis Whitley, Clyde Houston, Flavie Houston

Smart's Grove - Rev. John Abee, Maggie Cook
South Fork - Rev. and Mrs. R.L. Ball, John Munday, Ronnie Jones
Tabernacle -
Walker's Chapel - Gene Huffman, Lena McNeely, Shub Carswell, Mary Alice Carswell
Wilkie's Grove - Rev. and Mrs. Ralph Staton, Mildred Clark, Mavis Fortenberry, Raye Paige
Zion Hill - Clarence Huffman, Cecil Cook, Mr. and Mrs. Warren Yancey, Ona Wright, Mr. and Mrs. Will Wellman
Zoar - Stella Gettys, Brenda Chapman, Lester Lail, Vinnie Queen

VISITORS TO THE ASSOCIATION

Mrs. Evan Wright - Laurel Hill, Route 3, Vale
Dr. Kenneth Day - Home Mission Board, Atlanta, Georgia
Rev. Tom Greene - Hayes Barton, Raleigh
W.N. Brookshire - Mills Home, Liberty Association
Vertie Downs - Casar Baptist, Kings Mountain Association
Faye Selma Downs - Casar Baptist, Kings Mountain Association
Minnie Downs - Casar Baptist, Kings Mountain Association
W. Lyman Ferrell - Gardner-Webb College, Baptist Hospital
R. Bernard Ferrell - Hayes Barton, Raleigh
Rev. & Mrs. Bruce Christopher - Plainview, Sandy Run Association
Mrs. Texie Carpenter - Carpenter's Grove, Kings Mountain Association
Guy Cain - Raleigh
Rev. Tonnie Hull - Hoyle Memorial

CONSTITUTION

1. This body shall be known as "The South Mountain Baptist Association."

2. It shall be composed of messengers from Missionary Baptist Churches.

3. The messengers from any Missionary Baptist Church may be admitted into this Association upon recommendation of the Committee on Petitionary Letters and the majority vote of members present at any regular meeting.

4. Any church in good fellowship may, at her discretion, withdraw from this body.

5. This Association may at any meeting, after investigation and report of a duly authorized committee of the Association, by a majority vote declare a dissolution of union with any church deemed corrupt, either in doctrine or practice.

6. Any church in this Association, with fifty members or under, may send three messengers, with one additional for each succeeding fifty members or major fraction thereof.

7. At each session of this Association a Moderator, a Vice-Moderator, a Clerk, and Treasurer shall be chosen by vote and hold office until their successors are elected. A Moderator shall not be eligible to succeed himself after having served in office for two years.

8. The meetings of the Association shall be held annually beginning on Thursday after the second Sunday of October unless otherwise ordered by the Association or the Executive Board.

9. The design of this Association is to promote the cause of true religion with the several churches of which it is or may be composed and to sustain the various objects

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fostered by the North Carolina State Convention and the Southern Baptist Convention.

10. This Association has no authority over any church nor any right to interfere with its internal concerns.

11. For the mutual benefit of the churches composing this Association, it shall be the duty of each church to forward with messengers a written communication to each annual meeting, specifying the names of messengers, statistics of the church for the foregoing year, giving account of its spiritual conditions and stating the names of the pastor and other licentiates or ordained ministers connected with the church.

12. (a) The Executive Committee shall be composed of the Associational officers and the pastors of each church, along with the Sunday School Director, Church Training Director, Brotherhood Director, Clerk, Treasurer and W.M.U. Director. Ten members shall constitute a quorum.

(b) The Executive committee meetings shall be on Tuesday after the second Sunday in January, April, July and Tuesday after the first Sunday in October.

(c) The Moderator shall appoint the Committee on Committees to serve from one Annual Meeting to the next (starting with 1966).

(d) The Committee on Committees shall fill vacancies that may occur between annual meetings of the Association by bringing names to the Executive Committee for their approval.

13. The Constitution may be altered or amended by two-thirds of the members present at any annual meeting provided such alterations or amendment shall be submitted in writing at one session and acted upon at the next.

14. Kerfoot's Parliamentary Laws, as far as applicable, shall be followed in the government of the Association.

15. Only one person shall be allowed to petition the body in session for more than one thing in the same session, unless given permission by the Moderator or two-thirds of the messengers present.

16. No department officer shall exercise authority over his department, except it be in accord with the ruling of the Executive Committee or the Association in regular session.

RULES OF ORDER OF THE CONSTITUTION

1. Every meeting shall be opened and closed with prayer.

2. All questions of procedure shall be decided by Kerfoot's Manual of Parliamentary Practice.

3. In view of the fact that the officers of our Association come to the annual meeting with plans made for the session, be it resolved that we elect our officers at the close of the meeting to act till the close of the next annual meeting.

COMMITTEES AND THEIR DUTIES

COMMITTEES APPOINTED BY MODERATOR

Section 1. The Moderator shall appoint in advance of the annual meeting a Committee on Enrollment, Place, Time and Preacher, and Resolutions Committees and any other committees he may deem advisable or necessary. Each of these committees shall report at the annual meeting for which they are appointed.

Section 2. The Committee on enrollment shall be composed of members of the

host church appointed by the chairman. It shall be the duties of this committee to arrange for the registration of all the messengers and visitors and to make a report to the association.

Section 3. The Committee on Time, Place and Preacher shall be composed of three members. It shall be the duty of this committee to recommend to the Association the churches at which the next session shall meet and the preachers for the annual sermons at the next session.

Section 4. The Committee on Resolutions shall be composed of three members. It shall be the duty of this Committee to draw up and present to the Association suitable resolutions of appreciation and expressions of sentiments on any matter chosen by the committee or directed by the messengers of the session.

COMMITTEES SELECTED BY COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES

Section 5. The Committee on Committees shall be composed of five appointed members, the Moderator and Associational Missionary. Other officers of the Association may act as Ex Officio members. It shall be the duty of this Committee to prepare for approval of the Association the names of persons to serve on the following committees: Nomination, Finance, Petitionary Letters, Ordination of Ministers, Constitution of Churches, Trustees, Evangelism, Music, Missions and South Mountain Camp.

Section 6. The Program Committee shall be composed of the general officers of the Association. It shall be the duty of this Committee to prepare and present a suggested order of business to be adopted by the Association. When adopted, this program becomes the order of business unless changed by common consent or by vote of the body.

Section 7. The Committee on Nominations shall be composed of five members. It shall be the duty of this Committee to prepare for the Association the names of individuals as nominees for the following offices: Moderator, Vice-Moderator, Treasurer, Clerk, Sunday School Director, Church Training Director, Music Director, Pianist and Historian. It shall be the duty of this Committee to name for the approval of the Association individuals who shall bring to the next annual meeting brief written reports on Public Morals and Temperance, Christian Education, Foreign Missions, Home Missions, State Missions, Hospitals, Homes for the Aging, Children's Homes, Cooperative Program, Religious Literature, Christian Stewardship, Relief and Annuity, Obituaries, Southern Baptist Protective Program, and the American Bible Society. Nominations by this Committee shall not preclude nominations from the floor. This Committee shall make nominations for vacancies that may occur during the year.

(a) Sunday School Director, Church Training Director, and Brotherhood Director shall work with the Nominating Committee in selecting officers for their departments.

(b) The Committee on Ordination of Ministers shall act only upon the request of the churches.

PROPOSED CHANGES IN THE CONSTITUTION

12. (a) The Executive Committee shall be composed of the Associational officers and the pastors of each church, along with the Sunday School Director, Church Training Director, Brotherhood Director, Clerk, Treasurer and W.M.U. Director. Ten members shall constitute a quorum.

Section 7. This section shall remain as is with the following changes in the names of officers: Moderator, Vice-Moderator, Treasurer, Clerk, Sunday School Director, Church Training Director, Brotherhood Director, Music Director, Pianist and Historian.

The American Bible Society shall be added to the list of written reports to be presented at each annual meeting.

(a) Sunday School Director, Church Training Director, and Brotherhood Director shall work with the Nominating Committee in selecting officers for their departments.

HISTORICAL TABLE OF THE ASSOCIATION

1950 - S.M. Stroupe, Moderator; J.E. Hoffman, Vice-Moderator; Mrs. J.D. Goodwin, Clerk; A.V. Ledford, N.S. Hardin, Preachers; Oak Ridge, Corinth, Places.

1951 - S.M. Stroupe, Moderator; J.E. Hoffman, Vice Moderator; Mrs. J.D. Goodwin, Clerk; Grady Welch, L.A. Miller, Preachers; Icard, Zion Hill, Places.

1952 - S.M. Stroupe, Moderator; J.E. Hoffman, Vice Moderator; Mrs. Claude Icard, Clerk; Lamont Mayes, W.H. Flowers, Preachers; Henry River, St. Paul, Places.

1953 - S.M. Stroupe, Moderator; B.R. Holbrook, Vice Moderator; Mrs. B.R. Holbrook, Clerk; R.W. Hord, Fred Hicks, Preachers; Bethany, Mt. Vernon, Places.

1954 - J.E. Hoffman, Moderator; A.V. Ledford, Vice Moderator; Mrs. B.R. Holbrook, Clerk; Forrest Davis, B.R. Holbrook, Preachers; Shoup's Grove, Walker's Chapel, Places.

1955 - J.E. Hoffman, Moderator; Ralph Berry, Vice Moderator; Mrs. B.R. Holbrook, Clerk; Buren Hastings, J.E. Hoffman, Preachers; Connelly Springs, Pisgah, Places.

1956 - Paul Crotts, Moderator; W.N. Reece, Vice Moderator; Mrs. Frank Hicks, Clerk; Julius Hildebran, Ralph Berry, Preachers; St. Paul, Mull's Chapel, Places.

1957 - Paul Crotts, Moderator; W.N. Reece, Vice Moderator; Mrs. Frank Hicks, Clerk; Joe Richards, B.H. Cline, Preachers; Abee's Chapel, Carswell Memorial, Places.

1958 - Paul Crotts, Moderator; W.N. Reece, Vice Moderator; Mrs. Frank Hicks, Clerk; J.E. Hoffman, Paul Crotts, Preachers; St. John's, Oak Ridge, Places.

1959 - Paul Crotts, Moderator; Mrs. Frank Hicks, Clerk; Edsel Mull, Grady McCurry, Preachers; Berea, Beulah, Places.

1960 - Paul Crotts, Moderator; Mrs. Frank Hicks, Clerk; Harold Whitener, Earsel Robinson, Preachers; Midway, Zion Hill, Places.

1961 - Paul Crotts, Moderator; Mrs. Frank Hicks, Clerk; P.G. Sullivan, Harold Whitener, Preachers; Mt. Vernon, Shoup's Grove, Places.

1962 - Paul Crotts, Moderator; Harold Whitener, Vice Moderator; Mrs. Frank Hicks, Clerk; S.M. Stroupe, J.L. Willis, Preachers; Wilkie's Grove, Corinth, Places.

1963 - Harold Whitener, Moderator; Paul Crotts, Vice Moderator; Mrs. Frank Hicks, Clerk; Garland Early, Harvey Harris, Preachers; St. Paul, Pleasant Grove, Places.

1964 - Paul Crotts, Moderator; Mrs. Frank Hicks, Clerk; B.R. Whisnant, Thomas Taylor, Preachers; Mt. Gilead, Olive Grove, Places.

1965 - Paul Crotts, Moderator; Mrs. Frank Hicks, Clerk; Floyd Benfield, Jack Johnson, Preachers; Mt. Hebron, Pisgah, Places.

1966 - Thomas D. Taylor, Moderator; Miss Lucille Upton, Clerk; J.M. Powell, Jack E. Guffey, Preachers; Drowning Creek, Mull's Chapel, Mt. Calvary, Places.

1967 - Paul Crotts, Moderator; Miss Lucille Upton, Clerk; J.T. Cline, William Shytle, Preachers; Abee's Chapel, Wilkie's Grove, Smart's Grove, Places.
1968 - William Shytle, Moderator; Miss Lucille Upton, Clerk; Andy Mead, G.C. Wray, Preachers; Berea, Beulah, St. Paul, Places.
1969 - William Shytle, Moderator; Miss Lucille Upton, Clerk; R.L. Ball, Harold Ashe, Preachers; Oak Ridge, Carswell Memorial, Faith Olive, Places.
1970 - J.T. Cline, Moderator; Miss Lucille Upton, Clerk; Richard Adams, Ralph Staton, Preachers; Mt. Vernon, Mull's Chapel, Places.
1971 - J.T. Cline, Moderator; Miss Lucille Upton, Clerk; Ronald Martin, Cecil Buff, Preachers; Zion Hill, Corinth, Places.

PROCEEDINGS

SIXTY-FIRST SESSION OF THE
SOUTH MOUNTAIN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

THEME

"IN THE SPIRIT OF CHRIST"

Thursday Afternoon

THEME: "In the Spirit of Christ - Consider Our Work and Institutions"

1. Mrs. Flo Buff presented a short musical prelude to create a quiet reverence as more than 200 persons assembled in the sanctuary of Zion Hill Church for the opening of the 61st session of the South Mountain Baptist Association.

2. The meeting was begun by the congregation singing the hymn "I Stand Amazed in the Presence," led by Rev. Cline.

3. Devotional thoughts based on scripture taken from Colossians 3 and prayer were given by Rev. Tommy Taylor.

4. Rev. J.T. Cline, Moderator of the Association, presided as he called to order the 61st session of the South Mountain Baptist Association. Following the distribution of programs, enrollment cards, and books of reports, the assembly, upon a motion and second, adopted the program as prepared and presented by the committee. The moderator then proceeded to name the following committees to serve during this meeting:

Enrollment:
Cecil Cook
Mrs. J.W. Hunt
Mrs. Earl Lail

Time, Place, and Preacher:
Mack Hodge, Chairman
Paul Robinson
Edison Franklin

Resolutions:
Thomas Berry
Richard Adams

5. The reports for various North Carolina Institutions were given as follows:

a. Home for the Aging by Rev. Z.W. Settlemyer. He moved adoption of the report and the group voted favorably.

b. In the absence of Mrs. Fred Sain, the report on Baptist Children's Homes was adopted as submitted. Woodrow N. Brookshire, Director of Social Services for Mills

Home at Thomasville spoke concerning the various institutions expressing gratitude for support in the past year and encouraging and urging even greater concern for the future. He reported the dedication of two new family cottages and an administration building on the Thomasville campus.

c. The Baptist Hospital report was given by R.L. Ball who moved adoption. He then introduced Bynum Farrell who now serves at Gardner-Webb College but was formerly with the Baptist Hospital in Winston-Salem.

d. Although Terry Childers was absent, the group voted to accept his report on Christian Education. Bynum Farrell now serving as Professor of Psychology at Gardner-Webb stated that our denomination's educational institutions need our prayers, our best students, and our gifts.

6. Rev. Tom Greene, serving with the Baptist State Convention, spoke interestingly and urgently when he encouraged more Christians to give. He reminded us that the tithe helps the individual and helps us help other people. His report was enthusiastically accepted.

7. Rev. Cline extended a hearty welcome and recognized those visiting with us from outside our Association. The names of visitors appear elsewhere in the annual. New pastors recognized by the assembly were Rev. W.P. Biggerstaff, interim pastor of Mt. Hebron; Rev. Dennis Whitley of Shoups Grove; and Rev. Tommy Taylor of St. Paul. They were presented and welcomed by Thomas Berry, Associational Superintendent of Missions.

8. The report of the Executive Committee was given by the clerk, Lucille Upton. Her report included highlights of the past year's activities and encouragement of full cooperation among all churches throughout the coming year. The assembly voted acceptance.

9. Individual copies of the treasurer's report were available in the book of reports. The information prepared by Doris Upton, Treasurer, gave us an insight into our financial condition. The group voted to accept her report.

10. The audience stood and joined in singing the hymn "'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus." Leader and musician were J.T. Cline and Flo Buff, respectively.

11. Rev. Paul Crotts led the group in a prayer session, voicing the petitions of each Christian heart.

12. Rev. Ronald Martin, pastor of the host church, re-emphasized the welcome extended to each person in attendance. He then proceeded to deliver the message of the afternoon, basing his remarks on scripture verses found in II Corinthians and Exodus. He reminded us of our responsibilities to go to the regions beyond.

13. The closing prayer given by Rev. Z.W. Settlemyer included both the benediction and the invocation. The host church served a bountiful and delicious meal on the beautiful church lawn.

Thursday Night

THEME: "In the Spirit of Christ - Consider our Missionary Challenge"

14. The evening session of the South Mountain Baptist Association continued the theme "In the Spirit of Christ - Consider our Missionary Challenge", with Rev. R.L. Ball, Vice-Moderator, presiding. Flo and Virgil Buff directed the music as the congregation sang "Glorious Is Thy Name." Registration cards, programs, and books of reports were distributed.

15. Rev. Harold B. Dellinger, reading Psalm 91, conducted the devotional and prayer period.

16. Welcome was extended to those attending the evening session and visitors were recognized.

17. In presenting his Brotherhood Report, Rev. Ronald Martin made appropriate remarks to emphasize the importance of this work. The assembly voted to accept his report.

18. Mrs. Jesse Fortenberry spoke briefly in connection with her report on activities of Woman's Missionary Union and the group voted acceptance of her report.

19. The State Missions report was given by Darrell Pruette. After brief remarks and upon his recommendation for adoption, the group voted acceptance.

Rev. Cecil Buff followed his report on Home Missions with very timely comments and the delegate assembly voted to accept the presentation.

In presenting the Foreign Missions report, Rev. Edsel Mull made appropriate and worthwhile remarks and his report was accepted as presented.

20. Everyone was urged to attend the second day of the Association meeting at Corinth. At the conclusion of the hymn "I'll Go Where You Want Me to Go," we were favored with special music.

21. The Associational Choir sang the unusual arrangement entitled "People to People," which carried a missionary message.

22. Rev. J.T. Cline then introduced the guest speaker for the evening, Dr. Kenneth Day of the Home Mission Board in Atlanta.

23. Dr. Day based his message on the Great Commission, Matthew 28:19-20 and pointed out three areas of concern by the denomination:

a. Lack of interest in evangelism

b. Decline in offerings

c. Decline in the number of young people entering the ministry and church-related vocations.

24. It was recommended that the Association request from the State Convention $1,200 to supplement the salary of the Superintendent of Missions.

The benediction was pronounced by Rev. Hansel Bryant.

Friday Afternoon

THEME: "In the Spirit of Christ - The Gospel and Our Responsibility"

25. In the temporary absence of Rev. J.T. Cline, Moderator, the Friday afternoon session was presided over by Rev. Paul Crotts. The meeting opened with the hymn "I Am Thine, O Lord."

26. Scripture and prayer were given by Rev. W.L. Toney.

27. The clerk gave a brief resume of the proceedings of the Thursday session.

28. Rev. Thomas Berry, newly elected Superintendent of Missions, gave his report of activities and the group voted acceptance.

29. Recognition was given to visitors from the State Convention and outside the association. Names will appear with visitors.

30. In the absence of Mrs. Troy Warlick, the body voted to accept her report on religious literature. Speakers to the report included Rev. Guy S. Cain, Rev. Mack Hodge, and Rev. Harold Dellinger.

31. Attention was called to the problem of alcohol and up-coming vote on the legalizing of drinks. The group expressed appreciation to Marse Grant and the BIBLICAL RECORDER in speaking out against the problem. Rev. Cecil Buff led in a special prayer concerning this condition and in behalf of Mr. Grant.

32. Since Charlie Townsend was unable to be present, his report on the American Bible Society was accepted and Fred Sain spoke in the interest of the Society and its worthwhile activities.

33. Don Elliott prepared and submitted his report on stewardship which was accepted but in his absence Rev. Harold Dellinger spoke concerning the importance of stewardship in our whole denominational program.

34. Fred Sain spoke enthusiastically about the Sunday School work following the acceptance of his report by the body.

35. The report on Public Morals and Temperance was given by Rev. Ralph Staton. After a favorable vote to accept the report, Rev. Staton was joined by Rev. J.T. Cline in comments urging Christian support of these important issues.

36. The group then joined in singing "Footsteps of Jesus" with Rev. Cline leading and Donna Proctor accompanying at the piano.

37. During the session devoted to miscellaneous business, the following items were considered:

a. The assembly accepted recommendation to petition the State Convention for $1,200 to supplement the salary of the Superintendent of Missions.

b. The group gave a rising vote of appreciation and confidence to Rev. and Mrs. Thomas Berry for the fine work they are doing since his selection as Associational Superintendent of Missions.

38. Rev. Mack Hodge presented the report on Southern Baptist Annuity Program and after a vote to accept, he spoke to the report.

39. Guy S. Cain from the Annuity Department of the North Carolina Baptist State Convention of Raleigh gave some very helpful and enlightening information concerning the annuity program in the state. His remarks were based on verses of scripture from I Corinthians 9.

40. The Church Training Report was given by Rev. G.C. Wray and was accepted. Rev. Wray then spoke concerning the report and made several announcements including the "M" Night Program scheduled for November 29 at Zion Hill, special guests being Mr. and Mrs. Pennell, missionaries on leave.

41. The assembly joined in singing the hymn "Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus."

42. The special message of the afternoon was given by Rev. Cecil Buff. His remarks pertained to passages of scripture taken from II Peter 1:21 and II Timothy 3:16.

43. At the close of his message, Rev. Buff, pastor of the host church, Corinth, concluded the session with directions concerning facilities and a prayer of benediction and invocation. A Bountiful and delicious evening meal was enjoyed by all who were in attendance.

Friday Night

THEME: "In the Spirit of Christ - Consider our Association and Churches"

44. The evening session was begun with special music by the combined associational choir under the direction of Virgil Buff. Their selections included "Jesus Will Lead Me." The entire group became so enthusiastic that they joined in singing two hymns "All Hail the Power" and "We're Marching to Zion."

45. The presentation of scripture and prayer was given by Rev. Carrell Pruette.

46. Rev. Dennis Whitley gave the report on the Baptist Foundation and upon his recommendation of adoption the body voted favorably.

47. At the conclusion of the report on the South Mountain Baptist Camp, T.A. Lineberger spoke concerning the activities and results of the camp program for the summer. The report received a favorable vote of acceptance.

48. The business session was concerned with the election of officers. This was done upon recommendation of the Nominating Committee. The list appears elsewhere in the annual.

49. The report of the Committee on Committees was given by Rev. Paul Crotts. These committees and those serving on each are listed elsewhere in the annual.

50. Warren Yancey, who served as chairman, presented the report of the Finance Committee in the form of the proposed budget. This appears elsewhere in the annual but was accepted as recommended.

51. Time, Place, and Preacher Report was given by Mack Hodge. The next annual session will be on October 12-13, 1972, at Zoar and Abee's Chapel Churches. The doctrinal message will be given by Carrell Pruette with Finley McCoury as alternate. The missionary message will be by Dennis Whitley with Mack Annas as alternate.

52. Rev. Richard Adams presented the report of the Resolutions Committee and was joined by Rev. Cline in expressing appreciation to the host churches for courtesies, kindnesses, and bountiful meals.

53. It was moved and seconded by the body that Hoyle Memorial Baptist Church be accepted and welcomed into the Association.

54. Appreciation was expressed to Virgil Buff, Flo Buff, and Donna Proctor for their help in furnishing the music throughout the associational program. Also, appreciation was expressed to Mrs. Judy Berry for her fine work in the capacity of Associational Secretary.

Announcements included the Recreation Workshop and the Study of the Book of Job to be held at Wilkie's Grove for pastors.

55. The group joined in singing the hymn "Wonderful Story of Love."

56. The memorial service conducted by Miss Lucille Upton, Associational Clerk, included appropriate meditations, the reading of names of those deceased, a moment of silent tribute, and a closing prayer led by Rev. Thomas Berry.

57. The report on Evangelism as submitted by Rev. Richard Adams was accepted, and in his absence, the group voted to adopt it.

58. In the installation of officers, the gavel was presented to Rev. Ralph Staton, incoming moderator, who in a few brief comments asked for the cooperation of all individuals and churches in the association.

59. The following committee appointments were announced:

Resolutions:
- Dennis Whitley
- Mrs. Lillie Wray
- Mrs. Virgil Buff

Time, Place, and Preacher:
- Mrs. Cecil Buff
- Mrs. Ronald Martin
- Mrs. Ralph Staton

60. We were again favored by the rendition of special music by the associational choir. Their selection was entitled "Isn't It a Joy."

61. The highlight of the closing session was the Moderator's address given by Rev. J.T. Cline. In his remarks, he gave six basic elements which will make a church great:

a. Firmly grounded on Jesus
b. Matured through spiritual growth
c. Edified through love
d. Face change and turn it into challenge
e. Unlimited in its vision for souls
f. Has extended influence for God

His remarks were timely and highly challenging to all churches in our association.

62. Following the benediction, the 61st session was adjourned.

REPORTS

AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY

In this first year of a new decade when Southern Baptists are re-examining the Spirit of Christ, the American Bible Society's statement of purpose takes on new meaning and significance. In the words of ABS General Secretary Lataon E. Holmgren: "The sole purpose of all Bible Society activity is - and always has been - to provide men, in intelligible and convincing speech, with the record of the 'wonderful works of God'... It is this concern for the redemption of the world - for the whole life of the whole man in the whole world - that permeates the work and witness of all those concerned with the Bible Society movement... If possible, every man on earth must be told of the Savior in his own tongue and given the opportunity to surrender his life to Him. This can only be done if we 'press with vigor on.' "

The American Bible Society is grateful for the privilege of serving as a partner of Southern Baptists in providing the Bible as a tool for missions. We are aware of the need not only to keep up with the normal increase in demand for the written Word, but to foresee the conditions and circumstances within which people will be living in this decade of the Seventies.

As a missionary non-profit organization, it serves churches of many denominations at home and abroad. It helps missionaries translate the Bible. It publishes without note or comment. It distributes without profit, usually below cost, and without any charge in cases of special need. For the Blind it supplies Scriptures in Braille and other raised-letter systems, Talking Bible records and tape recordings.

During 1970 the American Bible Society -

- Aided in providing technical assistance to more than 3,000 translators working in more than 800 languages and dialects. At the close of 1970 at least one book of the Bible has been published in 1431 languages; the Bible in 249, a Testament in 329 more, and portions in 853. Many, however, still wait for the Bible in their own language.
- donated 4,323,599 Scriptures for chaplains to the Armed Services, a 94.3 per cent increase over 1969. Many of these were distributed by Southern Baptist chaplains.
- distributed 99,595,465 Bibles, Testaments, Portions and Selections, a 30.7 per cent increase over 1969. An attempt was made to reach every home in South Carolina and Arizona with a New Testament or a packet of specially designed Selections. The world distribution of all the Bible Societies totaled 173 million, equivalent to one copy for every 21 persons in the world.
- continued to develop Scriptures in everyday speech. "Good News for Modern Man" in Today's English Version New Testament published in September 1966 has a distribution of 25 million copies. On December 1, 1970, the first book of the Old Testament, "The Psalms for Modern Man" was available in Today's English Version. Job is to be available in the fall of 1971 in time for Southern Baptists' January Bible Study.

SOUTHERN BAPTISTS SUPPORT THE WORK

In 1970 Southern Baptist churches gave $233,185 to the American Bible Society, and stood first among all denominations. Gifts from all churches in the U.S.A. totaled $1,413,045.

Although Southern Baptists lead in total gifts, the per capita gift from more than 11.6 million members is only a little more than 2 cents per year.

SOUTHERN BAPTIST CAN LEAD, EVEN IN PER CAPITA GIFTS - IF EVERY CHURCH

WILL GIVE, EACH YEAR. Has your church given this year? Here are suggestions, based on what many churches are doing:

EVERY CHURCH can give AT LEAST these amounts EACH YEAR:

Smaller churches	$10 to $60
Larger churches	$60 to $300
Great city churches	$300 to $600 or more

Please send gifts to your Baptist state office marked "for the American Bible Society."

Respectfully submitted
Charlie Townsend

SUPERINTENDENT OF MISSIONS REPORT

It has been a great privilege to work with the people who make up the South Mountain Baptist Association. I have been received in our churches with warmth and kindness beyond all reason. It has been wonderful, and a tremendous blessing to work with each of you. It is a real joy to work with people who love Christ and watch them move forward. I have heard several reports in the past months as to how great things are being done for Jesus Christ. Too, some of our churches are or have been in a building program in the past year. Our missions expenditures are continuing to look good. I believe we are beginning to see the need and take Christ's Commission more seriously.

Since beginning this work on February 1, 1971, I have tried to spend a good portion of time trying to get acquainted with our people. We have tried to broaden our means of communications through the newsletter, THE NEWSETTE, mailed out monthly, and by trying to visit with our churches. During these months, I have worshiped in all of our churches. I have preached in twelve. I have tried to attend all associational meetings and Pastors' Conferences. I have driven about 10,000 miles since beginning this work.

I was blessed in getting to go to several State meetings this year. Some of these were: the Evangelistic Conference, 3 Cooperative Program Missions Rally Seminars, and meetings with our State Sunday School, Church Training, and Brotherhood leaders.

During the summer months, I was able to attend a week at Fruitland, for the annual State Associational Missionaries Conference. Also I was at Ridgecrest for three weeks. This was for Church Training, Sunday School, and Home Missions Weeks.

Of all the needs pointed out at these meetings and what I have seen here in our association, the greatest need we have is a better training program. All too often we get people into our church and give them a place to serve and then forget about them. In the Scriptures we find where Jesus taught his disciples before sending them out to serve. I would like to see at least six more churches in our association start training programs in the coming year.

As children of God, and missionary Baptists, what are we going to do? Can Christians really work together? Do we really care? Are we really concerned? Can we join hands in a united effort to provide more training and better leadership in our association and in our churches? Just how strong are the wings of our love for carrying out the commands of our Lord?

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. Thomas Berry
Superintendent of Missions

ASSOCIATIONAL FOUNDATION REPORT

The North Carolina Baptist Foundation, Inc., was organized in 1920. It has a fifteen-member Board of Directors elected by the Baptist State Convention. The policies and procedures of the Foundation and the support of the same is in the hands of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina. In other words, this is your Foundation, and you should know more about its services and activities.

During the past twelve months, the Foundation has had a gradual growth, in that several individuals and churches have made contracts with the Foundation to accomplish specific purposes such as: supporting an agency or institution of the Baptist State Convention, the Southern Baptist Convention, and world-wide objects. In one or two instances, individuals through their wills have added to existing memorials that were established during the lifetime of the donor. The Foundation stands ready to render service to individuals and churches as their requests are made known. We wish to serve you.

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. Dennis Whitley

BROTHERHOOD REPORT

Brotherhood is a new concept, a new look. The concept is simple. Minimum organization, maximum action.

Our churches should ask themselves these three questions:

(1) Have we tried to serve God without serving man?
(2) Have we tried to serve man without serving all men?
(3) Have we tried to serve man without serving all the man?

The concept of Brotherhood should helpus correct these mistakes if we have made them. We are not as interested in enrolment as we are involvement.

In the Baptist Men's and Baptist Young Men's units there are two officers who should direct us in missionary education and missionary involvement for the men, young men, and boys.

The Brotherhood Director is an important officer. He oversees the three units. He serves on the Church Council. He presides over the Brotherhood Council. He is the link between the organization and the church. He is equal to the Sunday School Director, the Church Training Director, and the W.M.U. Director.

The Royal Ambassador leader is on equal with the Baptist Men's and Baptist Young Men's Presidents. He serves on the Brotherhood Council. He also serves on the Baptist Men's Planning Committee. This ties men and boys together in education and involvement.

The Program is flexible. Adapt it to your local church for your local needs.

There is much to do. We have much with which to do it. There is so little time. Get your men, young men, and boys involved in studying missions and mission actions.

I am pleased to report that we have increased in the number of Royal Ambassadors and Baptist Men's organizations in the churches. There are now 7 Baptist Men's and 9 Royal Ambassadors in the association.

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. Ronald Martin

PROPOSED BUDGET
1971-1972

Missionary Salary	2,800.00
Missionary's Expense	200.00
Missionary's Health Benefit	255.00
Missionary's Utilities	200.00
Secretary's Compensation	300.00
Miscellaneous Supplies (paper, filmposters, etc.)	160.00
Machine and Equipment Repair	50.00
Postage	125.00
Church Training and M Night	50.00
Sunday School	50.00
W.M.U.	100.00
R.A.	45.00
Minutes	800.00
V.B.S.	70.00
Evangelism	100.00
Brotherhood	25.00
South Mountain Camp	50.00
Church Music	50.00
Clerk's Compensation	150.00
Treasurer's Compensation	125.00
Communications	50.00
Training Leaders at Ridgecrest	300.00
Associational Speakers' Fees	150.00
Telephone	300.00
TOTAL	$6,505.00

Respectfully submitted,
Warren Yancey

BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOMES
1971

Let a graduating senior express what it is like to live in one of our Baptist Children's Homes: "I really do not know how to write about a place which has been so fine, and which has given me the opportunity to worship, work, and learn; not only where we stand in moments of comfort and convenience, but where we stand in moments of challenge and moments of controversy. After all these years, one finally learns that certain values and practices are good and sound and help children to feel secure and happy."

This statement could be made by almost any senior regarding his home and community, for a child in the care of the Baptist Children's Homes has basically the same attitudes and values as other children. He differs from other children only in the tragic experiences which have made it necessary for him to live away from his family. For these children, it is our mission to provide loving care in the spirit of Jesus Christ. We want to work in harmony with what we sense God is doing in the life of each child, enabling the child to tap his own inner resources and grow to responsible adulthood.

The pursuit of this basic goal has led the Children's Homes to develop a variety of services, all family centered. Some families need resident care for their children

and for these we have group homes and foster homes. Some families can remain together with outside help and for these we have family services in the form of counseling or financial assistance. For the unmarried girl who is pregnant, we offer maternity care. For the graduate in our care, we assist in higher education. For churches involved in day care, we provide a demonstration program and consultation service. We welcome individual inquiries regarding any of these services as the need may arise.

Our services are made available through strategically located facilities throughout North Carolina: In the East at Kinston, Pembroke, Fayetteville, and Raleigh; in the Piedmont at Chapel Hill, Thomasville and Charlotte; in the West at Asheville and Waynesville.

Staff members and children of the Baptist Children's Homes are grateful for the harmonious relationship we have shared with North Carolina Baptists. The churches have expressed their confidence and support through increased Cooperative Program gifts and a 1970 Thanksgiving Offering of $380,000. Individuals continue to give generously and to become involved in our varied ministries. We accept this support as an investment in all that we are doing and we pledge ourselves to translate your investment into quality Christian child care.

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. Fred Sain

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

The Baptist colleges in North Carolina and elsewhere in the Southern Baptist Convention continue to train a vast majority of church vocational workers. The Christian college is not solely in the business of training full-time Christian workers, many students attending a Baptist college will return to their communities as laymen, and will assume responsibilities in the local churches.

The Baptist State Convention of North Carolina helps support a unique program for Christian education. There are five senior colleges: Campbell at Buie's Creek; Mars Hill at Mars Hill; Meredith at Raleigh; Wake Forest University at Winston Salem, and Gardner Webb at Boiling Springs; two junior colleges: Chowan at Murfreesboro and Wingate at Wingate.

The Baptist Youth Corps has been a challenge to many students. Students also are working in a number of areas such as: Vacation Bible School, Summer assemblies, Department of work with the Deaf, Interracial Cooperation Department, audiovisual aids and summer missionaries. Many dedicated young people want to participate in the life of the church and denomination. Local churches can help these students by offering them opportunties to serve.

Respectfully Submitted,
Terry Childres

CHURCH TRAINING PROGRAM

Our Church Training Program provides for our churches the opportunity to train ourselves to become more efficient laborers in the vineyard of our Lord.

Our "M" Night Meeting was held at Zion Hill with a good attendance. Van Ramsey and the Good News Singers of Shelby presented an interesting program. The Associational Youth Night was March 20 at Carswell Memorial. A large group of youth and leaders were present. Rev. Thomas Berry brought a challenging message.

The Church Training Workshop was held at Berea on March 29 and 30, with some

of our State workers leading the conferences.

Let us train ourselves to be better workers for Jesus through our Church Training Program.

Respectfully Submitted,
G.C. Wray

THE COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES

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- Rev. R.L. Ball, Chairman
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- Fred Sain
- Cecil Cook
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- Rev. Ralph Staton
- New Pastor from Mt. Hebron
- Dennis Whitley

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- Mrs. Fred Sain

Respectfully Submitted,
Paul Crotts
Cecil Buff
Harold Dellinger
Mrs. Fred Sain
Committee on Committees

COOPERATIVE PROGRAM GIFTS

January 1 Through August 31, 1971

COOPERATIVE PROGRAM gifts received by the Business Office of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina for the period January 1 through August 31, 1971, are listed below - THESE GIFTS ARE DIVIDED BETWEEN ALL MISSIONS, EDUCATIONAL, AND SOCIAL SERVICE WORK OF YOUR DENOMINATION. No Special Offerings Are Listed.
Special Offerings from the churches are IN ADDITION TO these amounts.

Abee's Chapel	.00	Oak Ridge	453.76
Berea	2,418.29	Olive Grove	.00
Beulah	114.22	Philadelphia	57.00
Carswell Memorial	77.00	Pisgah	211.25
Corinth	240.00	Pleasant Grove	25.00
Drowning Creek	.00	St. John's	21.05
Faith Olive	.00	St. Paul	50.00
Grace and Truth	15.05	Shoupe's Grove	404.19
Hildebran View	.00	Smart's Grove	.00
Midway	20.82	South Fork	527.84
Mt. Calvary	.00	Tabernacle	.00
Mt. Gilead	10.00	Walker's Chapel	.00
Mt. Hebron	.00	Wilkies Grove	1,504.78
Mt. Vernon	1,209.97	Zion Hill	1,297.42
Mt. Zion	50.00	Zoar	.00
Mulls Chapel	25.47	Miscellaneous	25.36
		TOTAL	$8,758.47

Number of churches giving through the Cooperative Program	21
Number of churches not giving through the Cooperative Program	11
Percentage of churches giving through the Cooperative Program first six months of this year	66%

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EVANGELISM

Evangelism WAS and STILL IS at the very loving heart of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour.

In Luke 10:1 we read: "After these things the Lord appointed other seventy also, and SENT THEM two by two before His face into every city and place, whither He Himself would come."

In Mark 28:19-20 we read: "GO YE therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I AM WITH YOU ALWAY, even unto the end of the world. Amen."

Evangelism is confronting the LOST with the gospel of Jesus Christ in the power of the Holy Spirit.

One of the main questions that can be asked is: "Why are the churches and Christians NOT as evangelistic as they ought to be?" These may be some of the EXCUSES:

1. Churches are depending more on mechanical methods - not soul winning.
2. There are too many "hypocrites" in the churches.
3. We have too long expected OTHERS to do the work.
4. We don't have the love for others that the Lord taught.
5. It is easier to make EXCUSES than do the work.
6. Many are contented with a NO Sacrifice "religion".
7. We don't want THAT CLASS of people in our church.
8. Many think that this is what the preacher is paid for.
9. Our burdens for the LOST are lifted when we sing about them.

We sing:

a. "Why Do You Wait, Dear Brother?"
b. "Ye Must Be Born Again"
c. "Though Your Sins Be As Scarlet"
d. "Jesus Paid It All"
e. "Wonderful, Wonderful Jesus"
f. "There Is A Fountain"
g. "Tis So Sweet To Trust In Jesus"
h. "The Light of the World Is Jesus"
i. "We'll Work Till Jesus Comes"

Instead of just singing about it or trying to find EXCUSES, let's try to do it the Lord's way and GO. Let's try to set goals like these:

1. To minister to human needs in such a way that our love for our fellowman will show.
2. To equip Christian adults and youth as witnessing soul-winners in the community.
3. To experience the hope, love, and joy of a "true and faithful servant".
4. To reach out from the church to the "unreached".
5. To know that reaching out to the lost is "pleasing God".
6. To "continue in the work of the Lord".

In studying God's Word, we find that:

1. God loves the lost.
2. Jesus died for the lost.
3. The Holy Spirit draws the lost to the Father through the Son.
4. Christians should be winning the lost.

God once asked Isaiah a question that he is asking churches and Christians today: "Whom shall I send, and WHO WILL GO FOR US?" CAN WE or WILL WE like Isaiah say: "HERE AM I, SEND ME"

Respectfully Submitted,
Rev. J.R. Adams

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

"The rung of a ladder was never meant to rest upon, but only to hold a man's foot long enough to enable him to put the other somewhat higher."

Thomas Henry Huxley

The achievements of past years are not an excuse for doing less or feeling content with things already accomplished. They should inspire us to greater determination, enlarged vision, and intensified effort. In taking a brief backward look over the past year's work in the South Mountain Baptist Association, the executive officers and com-

mittee have some reasons for rejoicing but are painfully aware of the tremendous tasks looming large before us.

Shortly after the Annual Associational Meeting, Rev. J.T. Cline, Moderator, called a special Executive Committee Meeting to hear a report of the Study Committee regarding the securing of a replacement for T.A. Lineberger. The group recommended that we employ a part time Superintendent of Missions and that the situation be reviewed by the Committee for two consecutive years. The recommendation was accepted after a brief but enlightening discussion. The group was impressed with the urgency of the matter of securing a Superintendent so that we might submit a request for funds from the State Convention to supplement his salary. Members of the Study Committee were Edsel Mull, Chairman, Paul Crotts, Mrs. Charlie Townsend, Mrs. William Shytle, and Lee Roy Childers.

Rev. Ralph Staton presented the completed report of the Committee on Committees with a further recommendation: "That hereafter the Committee on Committees shall nominate a Chairman for the Recreation Committee and two other members. All churches participating in the Associational Recreation Program shall be represented by one member serving on a Steering Committee to plan and execute recreational activities." It was moved that these changes be stated in the Constitution and By Laws. It was recommended that the Association request $1,200 from the State Board to supplement the salary of the Superintendent of Missions and that the tentative salary as stated in the proposed budget be accepted so that the Missions Committee could proceed with their work.

A watch night service was held on December 31 at Wilkie's Grove from 8:00-10:00 o'clock. Special speakers for the occasion were Rev. Mack Hodge and Michael Staton.

The associational equipment would be left temporarily with Rev. Lineberger until a permanent location could be secured.

At each of the four regularly scheduled meetings of the Executive Committee reports of progress or matters needing consideration or action were presented by the leaders of the various departments. As chairman of the Missions Committee, Rev. Edsel Mull suggested that the Association give Rev. Lineberger, upon his retirement from the position of Superintendent of Missions, a gift of $100 as an expression of appreciation for his services. As a successor to this position, the committee named Rev. Thomas Berry. This recommendation was accepted with the further suggestion that Berea Baptist Church plan an ordination service for him with all churches of the Association participating. To assist Rev. Berry in his duties, it was recommended that the Association set aside $25 per month to provide clerical services.

During the year, an office for the Superintendent of Missions was established at Wilkie's Grove with regular office hours arranged so that pastors or associational workers may avail themselves of his services. A telephone on the Hildebran exchange has been installed.

Upon the recommendation presented by Rev. Richard Adams, Hoyle Memorial Baptist Church came under the watch care of the Association until the Annual Meeting on October 14.

The School of Missions scheduled for September 5-10, 1971, was held with eleven churches participating. Guest speakers included state workers, home and foreign missionaries. This World Missions Conference was highly successful and most beneficial to the Association. Much planning by church groups and associational committees under the guidance of Thomas Berry contributed to the success of the project and already inquiries are being made concerning the possibility of another such program.

The proposed Recreation Committee was named after a vote to suspend the rules was unanimous. Those named were Larry Brittain, Lee Roy Childers, and Mrs. Nancy Clay. They were urged to get one representative from each participating church to work with them in planning and executing the recreational program.

Rev. Ralph Staton was named to succeed Rev. Harold Ashe as chairman of the Finance Committee. This change was necessitated by the resignation of Rev. Ashe from the Shoup's Grove pastorate.

The resignation of Rev. William Shytle from Mt. Hebron and the acceptance of work in South Carolina resulted in the loss of his leadership in the Association as Superintendent of Evangelism. It was with regret that his resignation was accepted.

Rev. Dennis Whitley from Monroe who has accepted the pastorate of Shoup's Grove Church was presented and welcomed into the Association.

Our activities during the year have been many and varied; we have had losses as well as gains, successes as well as failures, but always before us remains the challenge to do more and do it better. In practically every meeting those in positions of leadership were challenged to greater effort, deeper commitment, and fuller involvement in Associational work. But it is not good to have too many chiefs and not enough Indians. We need the full cooperation of every church and every Christian in the great task of carrying on the Lord's work.

"Men grow when inspired by a high purpose, when contemplating vast horizons. The sacrifice of oneself is not very difficult for one burning with the passion for a great adventure.

Alexis Carrel

"With all the infinite possibilities of spiritual life before you, do not settle down on a little patch of dusty ground at the mountain's foot in restful content. Be not content until you reach the mountain's summit.

J.R. Miller

Respectfully Submitted,
Lucille Upton, clerk.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS 1971

Today we as Southern Baptists are seeking to be obedient to Jesus' command: "Go ye to all nations." We have 2,584 missionaries serving in 76 countries.

Because you care, thousands will be won to Jesus Christ. The life line for Foreign Missions support is the Cooperative Program and the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. About thirty million dollars was used this year in preaching, teaching, healing, and other Christian ministries.

Organized churches with which our missionaries are related on mission fields now total 5,853 of which 4,306 are self supporting. In addition 7,276 mission points bring the total to 13,129 centers of worship and witness. Baptisms in 1970 totaled 61,454. I am glad I can have a part in all wonderful things our missionaries are doing. You too are having a part as you develop a strong local church, pray and give through the Cooperative Program and the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering.

With all the good news, there is one that causes sadness. Two of our missionaries, Paul and Nancy Potter, were murdered while sleeping, in July this year, in the Dominican Republic. Pray for their children: David, 10, and Susan, 12. Pray for their parents and for the work they began, that it may continue for our Lord.

Respectfully Submitted,
Edsel Mull

HOME MISSIONS REPORT

The Home Mission Board continues in its great work and plans to do the will of the Eternal God.

At the close of 1970, there were 2,222 home missionaries which is 13 less than 1969. This reduction was caused by the rising cost of living and a slowdown in giving. Executive Secretary Authur Rutledge said "This meant some mission opportunities could not be taken."

Of these missionaries, two-thirds are supported jointly with State Conventions and serve in the 50 states, Puerto Rico, and Panama.

Other work of the Home Mission Board is:

1. Promoting lay evangelism.
2. Projected plans for use of TV in the presentation of the Christian faith.
3. About 942 chaplains serving who reported 11,086 professions of faith in 1970.
4. Church loans were made for 126 churches for $3,926,871.
5. About 350 new churches and missions were established in 1970.
6. "Extend Now" a new method for starting new churches is being promoted.
7. New conventions were organized for Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and for West Virginia. The Baptist Convention of New York began functioning January 1,1970.
8. Language missions continue to grow in 41 states, Cuba, District of Columbia, Panama, and Puerto Rico with 1,032 missionaries.
9. Student summer missions personnel reached a new high of 940. These workers reported 6,645 professions of faith.
10. Our missionaries reported people saved and led to use the Word of God to witness because of extensive distribution of Scriptures.

"The Home Mission Board gave increasing attention to its efforts to assist the churches in carrying out our objective of winning our Land for Christ."

"The Board will give a major emphasis to a full committment by every Southern Baptist in missions and evangelism."

Respectfully Submitted,
Cecil Buff

NORTH CAROLINA BAPTIST HOMES FOR THE AGING

Our North Carolina Baptist Homes for the Aging celebrated their 20th Anniversary in March of this year. During these two decades, the story of our Homes has been one of faith and the abundant blessings of God upon this special ministry to older people. God has brought us from one Home and one resident in 1951 to five Homes and a nursing Care Unit with total accommodations for 160 residents and 76 patients. Two of these Homes, Resthaven and Hayes Home, and the Nursing Care Unit are located in Winston-Salem and the other three Homes are located in Albemarle, Hamilton, and Yanceyville. In these Homes, our residents are loved and we feel that there is no greater security that they could have and no better care that they could receive.

The past year has been one of the best ever, and we are rejoicing in the blessings that have come from God through our Baptist people. Support for the Homes from the churches through the Cooperative Program and the Special Day Offering has been most encouraging. For the last three years, the Homes have had an alarming deficit and have operated in the red. We have not yet reached the point of operating in the black, but let us say, with hopeful optimism, that we are approaching this time. The deepened concern of our Baptist people and the increase in gifts have been strong contributing factors to the success of the past year.

At least 80% of the people who live in our Baptist Homes are financially needy persons and benefit directly from the love gifts of North Carolina Baptists. They simply could not be maintained, and the Homes could not be operated without the Special Offering, designated gifts from the churches, and the Cooperative Program. We would urge our Baptist people, therefore, to remember how dependent these dear older people are on them and would challenge them to give more liberally than ever and to see that their gifts are a real life-line in the ongoing of this ministry.

Of unusual interest during the past year has been the construction of the new addition to the Nursing Care Unit in Winston-Salem. It is anticipated that this new facility will be ready for occupancy by September 1. It will make available 20 additional beds and bring the total capacity of the Nursing Care Unit to 76. This addition was made possible by the generous challenge gift of $80,000 from Judge and Mrs. William York of Greensboro. The trustees accepted the challenge and raised an additional $80,000.

Pray for your Baptist Homes for the Aging and remember that any ministry to an older person in the name of Christ is a direct ministry to Him.

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. Z.W. Settlemyer

BAPTIST HOSPITAL REPORT

The gift to MOTHER'S DAY OFFERING is a gift to those who are sick and in need, for the MOTHER'S DAY FUND is used only for such patients. Last year, the Offering amounted to $355,762. The Hospital's share of Co-operative Program funds of the Baptist State Convention, $244,228 and $128,000 in other donations were added to the Offering to make a total of $727,990 available for this ministry. The Hospital, however, did $2,407,000 worth of service beyond what was paid by and for service patients. It was for this reason that the Hospital closed the year with a heavy deficit.

AS A MEDICAL CENTER, your Hospital offers services and facilities not usually available in smaller community hospitals. Its newest equipment includes a heart-lung machine for use of surgeons in open-heart surgery. This machines, which represents an investment of approximately $15,000 is a major advance in this type of equipment. Since it is a portable unit, it can be taken where it is needed and put in use so quickly that it is bound to be a great help in saving lives.

A PROGRAM for treatment and care of children with leukemia is helping these children to live longer while medical scientists continue to search for a cure. After a period of treatment at the Hospital, the children go home and live normal lives, returning for check-ups every two to four weeks. When examinations reveal that white cells are becoming resistent to the drugs prescribed for the patients, the drugs are changed. The average stay in the Hospital is 45 days and the average cost of treatment is from $5,000 to $6,000. Thirty-six children with leukemia and 18 with other types of childhood cancer were in the program in 1970. Two were service patients who had to depend completely on the Mother's Day Offering.

IN ADDITION, to $2,407,000 worth of free care provided for service patients in 1970, such patients were given a like amount of professional service for which they were not charged by the medical staff.

Respectfully Submitted,
Rev. R.L. Ball

IN MEMORIAM

Immortality is a word that Hope through all the ages has been whispering to Love. The miracle of thought we cannot understand; thy mystery of life and death we cannot comprehend. This chaos called world has never been explained. The golden bridge of life from gloom emerges, and on shadow rests. Beyond this we do not know. Fate is speechless, destiny is dumb, and the secret of the future has never yet been told. We love; we wait; we hope. The more we love, the more we fear. Upon the tenderest heart, the deepest shadows fall. All paths, whether filled with thorns or flowers, end here. At death success and failure are the same, all differences and distinctions are lost. Character survives: Goodness lives; and Love is immortal.

How can we best express thoughts of life eternal? It is not mere existence, however prolonged and free from annoyance. It is not the pleasure of the senses, however vivid. It is not peace. It is not happiness. It is not joy. But it is all these combined into one condition of spiritual perfection. You cannot find in the New Testament any of those hateful representations of dying which men have invented, by which death is portrayed as a ghastly skeleton with a scythe, or something equally revolting. New Testament figures by which death is represented are very different. The most beautiful one is that of falling asleep.

We have played long enough at the games of life, and at last we feel the approach of death. We are tired out, and we lay our head back on the bosom of Christ and quietly fall asleep.

We now pay tribute and dedicate a few moments of remembrance to those who have fallen asleep during this associational year.

Our Beloved Dead

Abee's Chapel	Mrs. Martha Abee Mr. Robert Crump
Berea	Mrs. Judy Benfield Mask
Beulah	Mrs. Bertha Rudisill
Carswell Memorial	Mr. J.D. Berry
Corinth	Mr. Carmie Wortman Mr. Edd Queen
Mt. Gilead	Mrs. Fronie Chapman
Mt. Vernon	Mr. J.Z. Houser
Mt. Zion	Mrs. J.F. Logon Mr. Valley Murry
Oak Ridge	Mrs. T.S. Anderson

Olive Grove	Mrs. Sarah Cook Mr. Cleveland Cook (Deacon)
Pleasant Grove	Mrs. Della Watts
St. John's	Mr. Frank Hoyle (Deacon)
St. Paul	Mrs. Etta Towery Mr. Everett Howell Mrs. Ann Morrison Mrs. Mozelle Newton
Shoup's Grove	Mrs. Katie Ogle Mr. Leonard Dameron
Smart's Grove	Mr. Tom Mace
South Fork	Mr. Lanny Burns
Zion Hill	Mr. W.M. Hudson (Deacon) Mr. Kelly Shook Mr. Gus Peeler Mrs. Texie Hudson

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

Moderator ..... Rev. Ralph Staton
Vice Moderator ..... Rev. Cecil Buff
Treasurer ..... Miss Doris Upton
Clerk ..... Miss Lucille Upton
Sunday School Director .....
Church Training Director ..... Rev. G.C. Wray
Brotherhood Director ..... Rev. Ronald Martin
W.M.U. President ..... Mrs. T.A. Lineberger
R.A. Leader ..... Mr. Cecil Cook
Recreation ..... Mr. Lee Roy Childers
Music Director ..... Mr. Virgil Buff
Pianist ..... Miss Donna Proctor
Historian ..... Mrs. Vassie Hoyle
Public Morals and Temperance ..... Rev. Mark Hodges
Christian Education ..... Mr. Fred Sain
Foreign Missions ..... Rev. Edsel Mull
Home Missions ..... Rev. Harold Dellinger
State Missions ..... Rev. Paul Robinson
Cooperative Program ..... Rev. T.A. Lineberger
Hospital ..... Mr. John Monday
S.B.C. Annuity ..... Rev. J.T Cline
Religious Literature ..... Miss Diane Starnes
Christian Stewardship ..... Rev. Caroll Pruitt

Obituaries ..... Miss Lucille Upton
Childrens' Home ..... Rev. R.L. Ball
Home for the Aging ..... Rev. Paul Crotts

Mr. Robert Bass, Chairman
Mrs. Marie Eckard
Mr. Charlie Townsend
Mrs. Edsel Mull
Mr. Blair Wesson

PUBLIC MORALS AND TEMPERANCE

The history of our day and age seems to be written on two different pages. On one page is written all about the great educational enlightenment of our day. The fact that there are more school buildings than ever before and more people graduating from high school and college than ever in history. Also, there are more church buildings than ever before, therefore, more people attending church than ever before. Beside all this, people have easier ways of making a living than ever before. There is more money floating around our country than ever before. For anyone of a future generation to look at this page of our history he would have to exclaim, "Surely this was a day of enlightenment and prosperity!"

But then he would turn the page and read the other side of our history. He would read of all the out-right murders, the senseless traffic deaths caused by intoxication. He would read of all the riotings, lootings, and even the burning of our State Baptist Preachers' School (Fruitland Baptist Bible Institute). And all the alcoholic beverages pouring into our here-to-fore dry cities like the flood-waters of a mighty river. Also our public schools and colleges turning out about as many, if not more, dope fiends and drug addicts as they do diplomas and degrees. He would also read about all the ever increasing number of marriage separations, divorces, broken homes, and homeless children; not to mention all the other sins and vices of our day.

Is this truly the best that our generation can do to write our history? Is there nothing more that we can do but fold our hands in our laps and twiddle our thumbs, and with our long faces lament, "O Lord, what's going to happen next?" Surely, there is more that we can do! I believe that God is calling through His true preachers and concerned laymen today just as He did through Moses in the thirty-second chapter of Exodus the twenty-sixth verse. There, because of the sin of idolatry, "Moses stood in the gates of the Camp, and said, 'Who is on the Lord's side? Let him come unto me.' " My friends, it is time, and high time, that we as the people of God made our stand with HIM against ALL sin and evil, or else, we, too, will suffer the consequences.

Respectfully Submitted,
Rev. C. Ralph Staton

RELIGIOUS LITERATURE

At a time when some religious publications are losing circulation, it is good to report that the BIBLICAL RECORDER has passed 93,000 - the highest circulation in its 138-year history. This circulation is a tribute to the Baptists of North Carolina who support the paper so faithfully.

Even though inflation continues to create problems, you can receive the RECORDER under the Church Budget Plan for the same price it was in 1960 - only $2.00 a year. It is not known how long this reasonable price can be made available and that is all the more reason churches should enlist immediately.

The RECORDER likes to report all the good news it can about Baptists. The paper is proud to be the instrument that communicates to the world what our denomination is doing. When evil needs to be exposed, however, the RECORDER does not shun it. This was evidenced again in the legislature this year as the liquor forces managed only small gains. And these may turn out to be unconstitutional. We are referring to the local option liquor by the drink elections in Moore and Mecklenburg Counties. The RECORDER stresses Christian citizenship. Perhaps this is one reason the paper continues to reach more and more people - it stands for something.

The RECORDER appreciates every reader and supporter. The cost is reasonable. You can receive the RECORDER under the Church Budget Plan for only 4¢ a week - half the cost of mailing a letter. There is no more economical way to have an informed membership than by sending the RECORDER to every family.

Respectfully Submitted,
Mrs. Troy Warlick

REPORT OF THE RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

The Resolutions Committee wishes to make the following expressions of thanks and appreciations:

First, we give thanks to our Great God for the fellowship we have with Him through His Son, Jesus Christ, and for the fellowship with our fellow Christian friends.

We give thanks for the ones who preached His wonderful WORD, and for the ones who rendered the special music.

We give thanks for our leaders, officers, and pastors who lead us in serving our MASTER.

We give thanks to the pastors and the members of Zion Hill Baptist Church and Corinth Baptist Church for their Christian hospitality and the bountiful meals.

We give thanks for the great country we live in - AMERICA.

In conclusion, let us prayerfully, as churches and individuals, serve the Risen Lord FAITHFULLY - until death calls or HE returns in power and glory.

Respectfully Submitted,
Rev. Richard Adams

ANNUITY BOARD REPORT

Due to inflation, the value of the dollar decreased in 1970. To provide greater protection for the years ahead, a large number of Baptist pastors, church staff members, and denominational employees moved to increase their benefits by increasing their Southern Baptist Protection Program participation by at least ten percent of their total salary.

While members upgraded, the Annuity Board was introducing Good Experience Credit. This gives protection program members benefits over and above the amount set forth in their certificates. Increased benefits are made possible by interest earnings in excess of the protection program's initial actuarial assumptions. Since January 1, 1970, active members received Good Experience in the form of increase in retirement credits accrued. Retired persons also get good Experience Credits. Persons receiving benefits other than education, variable or fixed period, are getting four per cent more income each month. Each retired person, or widow, also received a "13th Check" for 1970. It was the fifth consecutive year the "13th Check" had been given and it amounted to $424,594.

You will be interested to know that in its 53 year history, the Annuity Board has paid benefits amounting to $82.1 million and $8.4 million was paid out in benefits during 1970.

The following churches in our association are now participating in this Program:

Abee's Chapel	Oak Ridge	Wilkie's Grove
Berea	Pisgah	Zion Hill
Mt. Hebron	Shoup's Grove	South Mtn. Camp
Mt. Vernon	South Fork	

An Annuity Board Protection Program is available to cover most of the vital needs of the pastor, church staff members or denominational employees. Life and health insurances are two more very important programs offered. Many churches have made it possible for their pastors and staff workers to participate in these by paying the dues. These churches are to be commended for willingness to make these benefits possible for their faithful servants.

There are 21 of our churches who are not participating in the Annuity Program. This means that the pastors must provide for his own retirement the best way he can. Most of the pastors are struggling to try to provide some kind of health protection which has increased in cost each year. Many businesses provide group insurance for their employees, and you know how much this means when emergencies come. We ask you, should we do less for the pastors of our churches?

We call upon you laymen in the churches to take this matter seriously. Write or call: Mr. Guy Cain
Baptist Building
301 Hillsborough Street
Raleigh, North Carolina 27611
Then present it to the people for their consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,
Rev. Mack Hodge

SOUTH MOUNTAIN BAPTIST CAMP

You can rejoice in the victories at your camp this year. We, the staff at South Mountain, witnessed many thrilling experiences during the summer. Over 3,500 came for some type of organized activity this season. 1970 persons attended our camps. Hundreds came by for a visit. 174 attended from your association.

We had 1,150 decisions for Christ. Of these 317 were professions of faith.

We maintained a dedicated staff of 22-25 whom God used in a wonderful way. They went into fifteen churches on week ends to sing, show slides, and give testimonies about their experiences with Christ at camp. We are deeply grateful to them for this extra service rendered to the Camp.

Johnny and Rhea Ross were the very able assistants of T.A. Lineberger, Camp Director. Your director is very much indebted to his whole family for the success of the Camp. Our theme for the year was "Showing Christ to the World". Rhea Ross wrote a new song to help remind the campers that every Christian has the responsibility of showing Christ to the world. Each week during the summer we had a Missionary to help give each one a world-wide vision of our responsibility. Campers studied organization work each day.

We had a good year financially from camp receipts. During the year we deposited $30,500 into the general fund, Operating expenses were $22,700. During the year we paid off a $9,000 note plus $700 interest. Funds came in well during the year for the future Chapel. $4,177 is in this fund now.

IMMEDIATE NEEDS: Caretakers home to be built, winterize buildings, sow grass in play area, fix crossing at river, build bunk beds, build Chapel, finish missionary Cottage, increase water supply.

IMPROVEMENTS DURING THE YEAR: Painted assembly building, two cottages and store, covered water line, landscaping, enlarged play area, graded road to missionary cottage, paved basket-ball court, built office, sowed grass.

Respectfully Submitted,
Rev. T.A. Lineberger

STATE MISSIONS REPORT

MISSIONS! MISSIONS! MISSIONS!

Some people get the idea that all that is heard anymore is the word missions. I would like to point you to the Bible about the word missions. More was taught about this word in the New Testament than any other. Jesus taught His disciples to be missionaries.

In John 17:20-21 we read these words: "But it is not for these alone that I pray, but for those also who through their words put their faith in me; may they all be one: as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, so also may they be in us, that the world may believe that thou didst send me."

I would like to mention just a few things that State Missions does for our state:

1. Associational Missions
2. Brotherhood
3. Camps and Retreats
4. Audio Visual Education
5. Church Library Service
6. Church Training
7. Deaf Ministry
8. Fruitland Baptist Bible Institute
9. Mission to Migrant workers
10. Military Ministry
11. Pastoral Aid
12. Resort Missions
13. Sunday School work
14. Vacation Bible Schools
15. Woman's Missionary Union

Many, many more ways could have been mentioned in the way of State Missions. May each church in our association support this worthy program of State Missions.

Respectfully Submitted,
Rev. Derell Pruette

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

As a Christian we are commanded by God to give a tithe (stewardship) of everything we possess. This means first giving himself whole-heartedly to God.

Jesus once said, ". . . It is more blessed to give than to receive." (Acts 20:35) Knowing this, a Christian should receive joy and satisfaction in giving of his TIME, MONEY, TALENTS, and PERSONALITY.

There are many motives for practicing stewardship or sharing our responsibilities

with God. The greatest of these motives is LOVE in DOING work for our Lord Jesus Christ.

Stewardship is a daily concern for the unsaved, the spiritual and physical needs of our neighbors throughout the known world.

Stewardship is an arm of the church reaching out to people through evangelism, education, ministry and missions at work in the name of Christ.

So as stewards of God we all are personally involved in supporting and carrying out the great Commission of Christ.

Respectfully Submitted,
Don C. Elliott

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

Another Sunday School year has come to a close. It is with mixed emotions that I look back over the past year.

I am happy that the work has made progress in some areas; while in many ways I am afraid we have not done our best.

I appreciate very much the cooperation I have had from most of our churches and co-labourers.

We again face a new approach, the person to person approach. This we believe will reach more people than any other way. If our people will fully dedicate themselves to the most important work in all the world, this can become a reality.

We are happy to report that a very good number have been reached this year through our Vacation Bible Schools. We know our Vacation Bible Schools and our Sunday Schools work hand in hand.

Last year we had enrolled 4,539
Average Attendance 2,636
This year we have enrolled 4,598
Average attendance 2,977

We are sure now that our new program which came in effect a year ago is going well in all the churches that have accepted this new challenge.

We all need a new outreach for people who are not in Sunday School and have not been won to the Lord Jesus Christ.

The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are still few.

Pray that the Lord will send workers while we still have time.

Respectfully Submitted,
Fred A. Sain

TIME, PLACE AND PREACHER COMMITTEE

The 62nd., annual session of the South Mountain Baptist Association will meet on Thursday and Friday after the second Sunday in October (12th and 13th). The first day will be at Zoar Baptist Church. The Second Day will be at Abee's Chapel Baptist Church.

Doctrinal Message - Rev. Carrol Pruette
Alternate - Rev. Finley McCoury
Missionary Message - Rev. Dennis Whitley
Alternate - Mack Amis

Respectfully sumbitted,
Mack Hodge
Edison Franklin
Paul Robinson

FINANCIAL REPORT

10-1-70 to 8-31-71

Balance on Hand 10-1-70		$ 608.73
RECEIPTS:		
Baptist State Convention	$ 788.00	
Miscellaneous	49.34	
Abee's Chapel	175.00	
Berea	225.04	
Beulah	138.75	
Carswell Memorial	100.00	
Corinth	143.75	
Faith Olive	6.25	
Grace & Truth	12.50	
Midway	20.00	
Mt. Calvary	10.00	
Mt. Gilead	15.00	
Mt. Hebron	291.25	
Mt. Vernon	237.50	
Mt. Zion	61.00	
Mull's Chapel	30.00	
Oak Ridge	185.00	
Olive Grove	13.75	
Philadelphia	15.00	
Pisgah	75.00	
Pleasant Grove	80.00	
St. John's	40.00	
St. Paul's	30.00	
Shoup's Grove	213.75	
Smart's Grove	25.00	
South Fork	559.02	
Walker's Chapel	20.00	
Wilkies Grove	389.46	
Zion Hill	200.00	
Zoar	15.00	
TOTAL RECEIPTS		4,164.36
Balance on Hand and Total Receipts		4,773.09
EXPENSES:		
Missionary's Salary	2,000.00	
Missionary's Health Benefit	212.50	
Missionary's Utilities	83.32	
Missionary's Expense	41.00	
Secretary's Compensation	175.00	
Associational Speakers' Fees	125.00	
R.A.	27.60	
Postage	104.92	
Miscellaneous Supplies	155.24	
W.M.U.	100.00	

Minutes	322.50	
V.B.S.	60.14	
Gift to Rev. Lineberger	100.00	
Sunday School	42.20	
Telephone	113.93	
Evangelism	70.60	
Sign for Associational Office	12.00	
South Mountain Baptist Camp	50.00	
Clerk's Compensation	137.50	
Treasurer's Compensation	114.58	
Training Workers at Ridgecrest	143.50	
TOTAL EXPENSES		4,191.53
Balance on Hand and Receipts Less Expenses		581.56
World Missions Conference		17.20
Balance on Hand 8-31-71		$ 598.76

World Missions Conference

RECEIPTS:		
Berea	123.00	
Carswell Memorial	100.00	
Corinth	25.00	
Mt. Hebron	150.74	
Mt. Vernon	125.00	
Oak Ridge	100.00	
Pisgah	89.56	
Shoups' Grove	126.15	
Wilkie's Grove	140.73	
Zion Hill	100.00	
Zoar	100.00	
TOTAL RECEIPTS		1,180.18
EXPENSES:		
Reimbursement to Missionaries for Travel Expense	505.65	
Rooms and Meals	657.33	
TOTAL EXPENSES		1,162.98
BALANCE		17.20

Respectfully submitted,
Miss Doris Upton

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION
1970-71

The opportunities and challenges of another year have come and gone and women and young people in missionary organizations need to rise to greater zeal and dedication to the service of our Lord Jesus Christ in our communities and around the world in the coming year.

In the year 1970-1971 there were fifteen churches in our association with at least one Woman's Missionary Union organization. There were:

15 Baptist Women Organizations
2 Baptist Young Women Organizations
4 Acteen Organizations
11 Girls In Action Organizations
8 Mission Friends Organizations

Another Baptist Young Women Group has been organized recently at Pisgah bringing our total to 41 organizations in the association.

But this is too little. WMU organizations are needed in every church in the association to teach missions, give for mission work, and pray for the mission efforts around the world.

On May 8, we had our WMU associational spring meeting at Wilkie's Grove. A group of Baptist Student Union members from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro presented an inspirational program to the few ladies who attended.

Five of our associational WMU leaders attended the State WMU Workshop for leaders at Camp Mundo Vista early in September. We thoroughly enjoyed the informative, inspirational conferences and the fine fellowship of other Christian ladies from over the state.

We held our associational WMU leadership workshop at Pisgah on the twenty-first of September. We had conferences for all age level leaders which were as follows:

Mrs. Martha Cole - Mission Friends
Mrs. Nancy Clay - Girls In Action
Mrs. Marie Swink - Acteens
Mrs. Mavis Fortenberry - Baptist Young Women
Mrs. Verona McNeilly - WMU Directors
Mrs. Eva Wilson - Baptist Women

Very few of the women from the church organizations attended the workshops.

Let us pray that the WMU, women and youth, of our association will go forward in the year ahead to minister and to witness in the name of Christ till the good news reaches even to the ends of the earth.

Respectfully Submitted,
Mrs. Jesse Fortenberry

CHURCH DIRECTORY

CHURCH ORGANISTS AND/OR PIANISTS

Abee's Chapel ..... Debbie Lowman, Route 1, Box 132, Valdese 28690
Berea ..... Mrs. Virgil Buff, Box 462, Hildebran 28637
Beulah ..... Anna Martha Rudisill, 209 1st Ave., S.E., Hickory 28601
Carswell Memorial ..... Reba Wray, Route 2, Box 338, Valdese 28690
Corinth ..... Mrs. Ruby Short, Route 1, Casar 28020
Drowning Creek .....
Faith Olive ..... Mrs. Annie Phillips, 522 5th St. S.W., Hickory 28601
Grace & Truth .....
Hildebran View ..... Abbie Shook, Route 1, Box 277A, Connelly Springs 28612
Midway ..... Cathy Bryant, 3379 14th Ave. S.W., Hickory 28601
Mt. Calvary ..... Sherry Lail, Route 1, Box 106, Connelly Springs 28612
Mt. Gilead ..... Wanda Mull, Route 1, Connelly Springs 28612
Mt. Hebron ..... Mrs. Ailene Abernathy, Route 1, Box 87B, Connelly Springs 28612
Mt. Vernon ..... Cheryl Ann Jenks, Route 2, Vale 28168

Mt. Zion ..... Libby Angel, Route 1, Casar 28020
Mull's Chapel ..... Mrs. Addie McClurd, 813 Rostan St. S.E., Valdese 28690
Oak Ridge ..... Mrs. Lydia Pierce, Granite Falls 28630
Olive Grove ..... Linda Meade, Route 1, Casar 28020
Philadelphia ..... Mrs. Marilyn Brittain, Route 1, Connelly Springs 28612
Pisgah ..... Mrs. Gerald Norman, Route 1, Casar 28020
Pleasant Grove ..... Norma Jean Martin, Route 1, Connelly Springs 28612
St. John's ..... Mrs. Hazel Williams, Valdese 28690
St. Paul ..... Bentha Cook, Route 1, Casar 28020
Shoup's Grove ..... Linda Kiser, Box 89, Icard 28666
Smart's Grove ..... Barbara Tallant, Hickory 28601
South Fork ..... Mrs. Maxine Brittain, Box 781, Hildebran 28637
Tabernacle ..... Mrs. Cora Cooper, Box 203, Boiling Springs 28017
Walker's Chapel ..... Mrs. Blaka Huffman, Route 4, Morganton 28655
Wilkie's Grove ..... Donna Proctor, Route 4, Box 3, Hickory 28601
Zion Hill ..... Mrs. Frank Hicks, Route 3, Lawndale 28090
Zoar ..... Brenda Chapman, Route 1, Casar 28020

ORDAINED MINISTERS

Abee's Chapel ..... Ralph Abee, Route 1, Box 339, Connelly Springs 28612
Tarp Buchanan, General Delivery, Hildebran 28637
Wayne Floyd, Route 1, Connelly Springs 28612
Berea ..... Thomas Berry, Box 306, Connelly Springs 28612
Paul Robinson, Route 1, Connelly Springs 28612
Corinth ..... D.E. Newton, Route 3, Forest City 28043
Grace and Truth ..... Marvin Shoup, Route 1, Casar 28020
Mt. Calvary ..... Harold Kanupp, Route 1, Connelly Springs 28612
Stanley Brittain, Route 1, Connelly Springs 28612
Julius Hildebran, Route 1, Connelly Springs 28612
Mt. Vernon ..... Ford Houser, Route 2, Vale 28168
D.C. Wesson, Route 2, Vale 28168
Olive Grove ..... Tonnie Hull, Route 1, Casar 28020
Philadelphia ..... Harold Ward, Route 1, Connelly Springs 28612
St. Paul ..... Edward Downs, Route 1, Casar 28020
R.A. Brackett, Route 3, Lawndale 28090
Johnny Crotts, Route 1, Casar 28020
Wayne Blanton, Statesville 28677
Shoup's Grove ..... Harold Ashe, Icard 28666
Smart's Grove ..... M.M. Smart, Route 1, Connelly Springs 28612
John Abee, Route 1, Connelly Springs 28612
Tabernacle ..... John Glover, Route 1, Casar 28020
Zion Hill ..... T.A. Lineberger, Route 1, Connelly Springs 28612
Zoar ..... J.C. Spake, Route 1, Casar 28020

LICENSED MINISTERS

Berea ..... Ralph Teague, Route 1, Connelly Springs 28612
Corinth ..... Lero Hudson, Route 1, Casar 28020
Midway ..... Lex Wright, Route 2, Box 590, Connelly Springs 28612
Mt. Zion ..... Otis Cook, Route 1, Casar 28020

Olive Grove ..... Donald E. Morrison, Route 3, Lawndale 28090
St. John's ..... Jinks Brittain, Route 1, Box 238, Connelly Springs 28612
St. Paul ..... Roy Hastings, Route 3, Lawndale 28090
Shoup's Grove ..... Clyde Houston, Box 3, Icard 28666
Harold Frank Ashe, Icard 28666
Smart's Grove ..... Clarence Hildebran, Route 1, Connelly Springs 28612
South Fork ..... Mickey Propst, Route 4, Box 778, Hickory 28601
George Huffman, Box 823, Hildebran 28637
Charles R. Jones, 406 26th St. S.W., Hickory 28601
Wilkie's Grove ..... Michael Staton, Route 4, Box 470, Hickory 28601

SPECIAL NOTES

Berea held dedication services for their new educational building.

Mt. Calvary has purchased additional property and paid off the entire church debt.

In Olive Grove, Tonnie Hull was ordained for the ministry. They also ordained two new deacons: James Pink Walker and Hazel Walker.

Philadelphia Church added six classrooms, two baths, and a choir section.

Wilkie's Grove furnish space for establishing an office for the Associational Superintendent of Missions.

Zoar Church, in a building program, doubled the space in the educational building, remodeled the sanctuary, and installed memorial windows.

Rev. T.A. Lineberger became full-time director of South Mountain Baptist Camp after resigning as Superintendent of Missions.

The association participated in a World Missions Conference September 5-10 with eleven churches being involved. We enjoyed visits from Home and Foreign Missionaries as well as State Denominational Workers.

STATISTICAL TABLES

TABLE A CHURCH MEMBERSHIP AND OTHER INFORMATION 1971

Association: SOUTH MOUNTAIN
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Associational Clerk: MISS LUCILLE UPTON
Address: Rt. 2, Box 321 City: Vale State: North Carolina Zip: 28168

CHURCHES	PASTORS & ADDRESSES	County	1 Year organized as a church	2 Loc (1-2-3-4-5-6-7-8-9-0)	3 Services held twice on Sunday? Y	3 Services held twice on Sunday? N	3 If no, services held on 1st Sunday M	3 1st Sunday E	3 2nd Sunday M	3 2nd Sunday E	3 3rd Sunday M	3 3rd Sunday E	3 4th Sunday M	3 4th Sunday E	3 5th Sunday M	3 5th Sunday E	4 Total Baptisms	5 Other additions (by letter, statement, etc.)	6 Members lost (by letter, death, statement, etc.)	7 Present resident members	8 Present nonresident members	9 Grand total present members	10 No. members received from non-Baptist denominations	11 No. members lost to non-Baptist denominations	16 Value of pastor's home if owned by the church	17 Value of Church property incl. pastor's home	18 Total church debt at end of this associational year
Abee's Chapel	Mack Hodge, Box 157, Valdese 28690	Burke	1886	1		x	x		x	x	x		x	x	x		10	9	6	308	58	366	1	1	40000	110000	0
Berea	J.T. Cline, Rt. 2, Box 1098, Connelly Sp. 28612	Burke	1947	1	x												16	16	11	367	19	386	0	0	20000	146500	70552
Beulah	Darrell Pruette, Rt. 3, Vale 28168	Catawba	1905	1		x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x			0	0	4	88	71	159	0	0		50000	0
Carswell Mem.	G.C. Wray, Rt. 2, Box 338, Valdese 28690	Burke	1938	1		x	x	x	x		x		x		x		7	3	6	114	8	122	0	3		60000	500
Corinth	Cecil Buff, Box 576, Lawndale 28090	Cleveland	1884	1		x	x		x		x		x				12	7	3	209	57	266	2	0		38500	0
Drowning Creek																											
Faith Olive	H.C. Bolick, Rt. 4, Hickory 28601	Catawba	1965	1	x												3	0	0	40	44	84	0	0		28000	3500
Grace and Truth	Lewis Travis, Box 195, Catawba 28609	Burke	1955	1		x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x		10	3	2	44	2	46	0	0		4000	
Hildebran View	Stanley Brittain, Rt. 1, Connelly Sp. 28612	Burke	1942	1		x	x		x		x		x		x		0	0	12	30	21	51	0	12		3000	2000
Midway	Grady McCurry, Rt. 4, Box 837 E, Hickory 28601	Burke	1956	1	x												0	0	10	161	0	161	0	0	8000	35000	0
Mt. Calvary	Mack Annas, 189 Walt Arney Rd., Lenoir 28645	Burke	1952	1	x												3	0	7	110	0	110	0	0			
Mt. Gilead	Otis Cook, Rt. 1, Casar 28020	Burke	1830	1		x	x		x		x		x				17	3	2	95	48	143	0	0		20000	0
Mt. Hebren		Burke	1870	1		x	x		x		x		x		x		10	7	10	251	75	326	1	1	8000	43000	0
Mt. Vernon	Paul Crotts, Rt. 3, Vale 28168	Lincoln	1840	1	x												10	1	5	240	76	316	0	1	10000	98000	6798
Mt. Zion	Z.W. Settlemyer, Box 296, Cherryville 28021	Cleveland	1848	1		x	x		x		x		x				0	0	2	50	137	187	0	0		12000	0
Mull's Chapel	J.R. Adams, Rt. 1, Box 149A, Conn. Springs 28612	Catawba	1871	1		x	x		x	x	x		x	x	x		7	2	2	100	25	125	0	0	16000	50000	4052
Oak Ridge	Edsel Mull, Rt. 2, Box 1040, Conn. Springs 28612	Burke	1943	1		x	x		x		x		x		x		9	15	6	157	109	266	0	0	22000	100000	
Olive Grove	Hansel Bryant, Rt. 1, Casar 28020	Cleveland	1884	1		x	x		x		x		x				16	6	7	186	75	261	2	1	25000	60000	13003
Philadelphia	W.E. Keller, Rt. 7, Box 409, Hickory 28601	Burke	1952	1		x	x		x	x	x		x	x	x		5	5	2	118	20	138	0	0		60000	15900
Pisgah	H.B. Dellinger, Rt. 1, Casar 28020	Cleveland	1840	1		x	x		x		x		x				0	5	4	162	28	190	0	0	12000	75000	
Pleasant Grove	J.H. Smart, Rt. 1, Box 347, Conn. Sp. 28612	Burke	1876	1		x	x		x		x		x				2	7	1	113	13	126	0	0		35000	
St. John's	Andy Mead, Rt. 1, Connelly Sp. 28612	Burke	1842	1		x	x		x		x		x		x		2	5	1	160	16	176	0	0	20000	70000	3917
St. Paul	Tommy Taylor, Rt. 1, Casar 28020	Cleveland	1860	1		x	x		x		x		x				5	1	12	180	267	447	0	0	13500	75000	3000
Shoup's Grove	Dennis Whitley, Box 240, Icard 28666	Burke	1892	1	x												11	7	7	122	136	258	0	0	25000	125000	53873
Smart's Grove	Finley McCoury, Rt. 1, Box 121, Conn. Sp. 28612	Burke	1935	1		x	x	x	x		x	x	x		x		0	7	3	116	38	154	0	0	40000	100000	13753
South Fork	R.L. Ball, Rt. 4, Box 785, Hickory 28601	Burke	1937	1	x												11	10	6	138	17	155	0	0	15000	70000	4915
Tabernacle	L.W. Toney, Box 53, Mooresboro 28114	Cleveland	1969	1	x												9	1	5	44	0	44	0	0		8000	800
Walker's Chapel	Joe Bradley, Rt. 8, Box 502, Morganton 28655	Bruke	1915	1		x	x		x		x		x		x		4	0	0	98	0	98	0	0		10000	0
Wilkie's Grove	Ralph Staton, Rt. 4, Box 470, Hickory 28601	Burke	1896	1	x												14	5	6	224	35	259	0	0	16000	145000	34140
Zion Hill	Ronald Martin, Rt. 3, Lawndal 28090	Cleveland	1859	1		x	x		x		x		x				15	13	8	256	59	315	4	0	25000	100000	3100
Zoar	Carrell Pruette, Rt. 2, Box 265B, Granite Fls. 28630	Cleveland	1937	1		x	x				x				x		0	2	0	60	43	103	0	0		50000	4900
	TOTALS																208	140	150	4341	1497	5838	10	19	315500	1781000	238703

TABLE B THE SUNDAY SCHOOL 1971

Association: SOUTH MOUNTAIN

State: NORTH CAROLINA

Associational Sunday School Director

Address City State Zip

CHURCHES	SUNDAY SCHOOL DIRECTORS & ADDRESSES	44 Preschool enrolment (5 years and under—not in school)	45 Children enrolment (6-11 years or grades 1-6)	46 Youth enrolment (12-17 years or grades 7-12)	47 Young Adult enrolment (18-29 years or H.S. graduation to 29 Years)	48 Adult enrolment (30-59 years or 30 to retirement)	49 Sr. Adult enrolment (60 and over or retirement and over)	50 Adults Away enrolment	51 Homebound Units enrolment	52 General officers enrolment	53 Enrolment of mission(s) of church	54 Total ongoing enrolment	55 Average weekly Sunday School attendance	56 Number of Fellowship Bible classes	56 Fellowship Bible class enrolment	57 Kindergarten and day care enrolment	58 Bible conference projects enrolment	59 Weekday Bible study enrolment	60 Church V.B.S. enrolment	60 Mission V.B.S. enrolment	60 Total V.B.S. enrolment
Abee's Chapel	Henry Buchanan, Rt. 1, Box 132, Valdese 28690	43	62	30	49	52	76	0	0	17	0	329	250	0	0	0	0	0	103	4	107
Berea	Charlie Townsend, Rt. 1, Box 10B, Connelly Spr. 28612	65	71	44	92	67	25	0	0	4	0	368	180	0	0	0	35	60	138	0	138
Beulah	Evan Rhoney, Rt. 3, Vale 28168	8	9	16	13	16	11	2	0	13	0	88	70	0	0	0	0	0	61	0	61
Carswell Mem.	Henry Carswell, Rt. 4, Box 248X, Morganton 28655	12	13	24	16	34	10	0	0	2	0	111	78	0	0	0	0	0	89	0	89
Corinth	Leonard Newton, Rt. 1, Casar 28020	33	20	47	27	43	59	0	0	0	0	229	160	0	0	0	0	0	69	0	69
Drowning Creek																					
Faith Olive	Grady Allen, Rt. 7, Hickory 28601	24	28	26	21	13	0	0	0	0	0	112	62	0	0	0	0	0	66	0	66
Grace and Truth	Willie Van Horn, Box 466, Hildebran 28637	10	20	22	9	13	4	0	0	3	0	81	46	0	0	0	0	30	105	0	105
Hildebran View	Glenn Shook, Rt. 1, Box 277A, Connelly Spr. 28612	3	4	6	0	0	10	0	0	5	0	28	22	0	0	0	0	0	30	0	30
Midway	Les Wright, Rt. 2, Box 590, Connelly Spr. 28612	4	16	15	20	22	0	0	0	4	2	83	60	0	0	0	0	0	64	0	64
Mt. Calvary	Arthur Franklin, rt. 1, Connelly Sp. 28612	10	12	20	10	20	4	0	0	15	0	91	65	0	0	0	0	0	37	0	37
Mt. Gilead	Thomas Mull, Rt. 1, Connelly Springs 28612	10	12	12	13	14	14	0	0	7	0	82	75	0	0	0	0	0	58	0	58
Mt. Hebron	Harrel Lail, Box 224, Hildebran 28637	56	60	51	41	53	35	0	0	3	0	299	149	0	0	0	0	0	122	0	122
Mt. Vernon	Vester Shull, Rt. 3, Vale 28168	20	35	33	14	67	28	7	8	6	0	218	139	0	0	0	20	10	86	0	86
Mt. Zion		7	4	6	8	10	10	0	0	0	0	45	40	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mull's Chapel	Ernest Rhoney, Rt. 1, Connelly Sp. 28612	7	26	27	18	29	9	0	0	2	0	118	83	0		0	0	0	92	0	92
Oak Ridge	Acie McGuire, Rt. 1, Box 287, Valdese 28690	37	57	49	17	33	20	0	0	5	0	218	127	0	0	0	0	0	174	0	174
Olive Grove	Hazel Walker, Rt. 1, Casar 28020	11	39	36	13	74	0	0	0	3	0	176	125	0	0	0	0	0	92	0	92
Philadelphia	Billy Brittain, Rt. 1, Box 293 C, Connelly Sp. 28612	24	23	21	19	45	0	0	0	9	0	141	107	0	0	0	0	0	50	0	50
Pisgah	Gene Canipe, Rt. 1, Casar 28020	16	13	24	14	29	5	0	0	2	0	103	76	0	0	0	0	0	50	0	50
Pleasant Grove	Carl W. Powell, Rt. 4, Box 312 A, Morganton 28655	16	25	12	20	44	12	0	0	1	0	130	86	0	0	0	0	0	56	0	56
St. John's	Eldon Hinegardner, Rt. 4, Hickory 28601	24	20	6	13	25	31	0	0	0	0	119	87	0	0	0	0	0	85	0	85
St. Paul	Marion Benfield, Rt. 1, Casar 28020	23	29	20	80	22	0	0	0	6	0	180	107	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Shoup's Grove	Clyde Houston, Box 3, Icard 28666	50	58	33	36	45	21	2	0	8	0	253	148	0	0	0	0	0	141	0	141
Smart's Grove	R.E. Moses, Rt. 1, Connelly Sp. 28612	17	28	16	19	36	7	0	0	1	0	124	80	0	0	0	0	0	91	0	91
South Fork	John Munday, 407 26th St. S.W., Hickory 28601	19	29	19	49	25	0	0	0	4	0	145	94	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tabernacle	John Glover, Rt. 1, Casar 28020	2	4	15	8	13	2	0	0	0	0	44	30	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Walker's Chapel	Shub Carswell, Rt. 4, Box 359 C, Morganton 28655	9	24	19	18	22	21	0	0	0	0	113	55	0	0	0	0	0	35	0	35
Wilkie's Grove	Fred Sain, Rt. 1, Box 229 K, Connelly Springs 28612	30	45	33	60	38	19	0	0	4	0	229	156	0	0	0	0	0	70	0	70
Zion Hill	Cecil Cook, Rt. 3, Box 83B, Vale 28168	42	35	33	78	57	39	0	0	3	0	287	175	0	0	0	0	0	85	0	85
Zoar	Bobby McDaniel, Casar 28020	7	6	8	14	19	0	0	0	0	0	54	45	0	0	0	0	0	33	0	33
	TOTALS	639	827	723	809	980	472	11	8	127	2	4598	2977	0	0	0	55	100	2082	4	2086

TABLE C TRAINING UNION 1971

Association: SOUTH MOUNTAIN
State: NORTH CAROLINA
Associational Training Union Director: REV. G. C. WRAY
Address: Rt. 2 Box 338 City: Valdese State: N.C. Zip: 28655

CHURCHES	TRAINING UNION DIRECTORS & ADDRESSES	61 Preschool enrolment (5 years and under—not in school)	62 Children enrolment (6-11 years or grades 1-6)	63 Youth enrolment (12-17 years or grades 7-12)	64 Young Adult enrolment (18-29 years or H.S. graduation to 29 years)	65 Adult enrolment (30-59 years or 30 to retirement)	66 Senior Adult enrolment (60 and over or retirement and over)	67 General officers enrolment	68 Enrolment of mission(s) of church	69 Total ongoing enrolment	70 Average weekly Training Union attendance	71 New Member Orientation: Registration	71 New Member Orientation: Completed	72 Church Leader Training: Registration	72 Church Leader Training: Completed	73 Member Training Projects: Registration	73 Member Training Projects: Completed
Berea	Robert L. Berry, Box 59, Icard 28666	38	38	24	32	21	16	4	0	173	101	0	0	12	5	0	0
Beulah	Harold Benfield, Rt. 3, Vale 28168	3	2	12	5	6	5	5	0	38	16	0	0	0	0	0	0
Carswell Memorial	Fred Butler, Rt. 4, Box 248X, Morganton 28655	5	4	11	9	16	3	2	0	50	32	0	0	0	0	0	0
Midway	Mrs. Phyllis Weaver, 420 32nd St., N.W. Hickory 28601	0	11	4	0	14	0	2	0	31	17	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mt. Hebron	Mrs. Ruth Hoyle, Rt. 1, Box 65, Connelly Springs 28612	18	11	9	20	15	10	2	0	85	60	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mt. Vernon	Miss Doris Upton, Rt. 2, Box 321, Vale 28168	0	6	15	8	20	4	2	0	55	27	0	0	10	6	40	20
Oak Ridge	Roby Wycoff, Rt. 2, Connelly Springs 28612	7	17	22	17	19	9	2	0	93	37	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pisgah	Rev. H.B. Dellinger, Rt. 1, Casar 28020	0	17	8	0	16	0	2	0	43	22	0	0	0	0	0	0
St. Paul	Mrs. B.L. Willis, Rt. 3, Lawndale 28090	4	12	12	3	0	2	0	0	33	18	0	0	0	0	0	0
Shoup's Grove	Mrs. Betty Kiser, Box 89, Icard 28666	6	17	16	6	17	0	4	0	66	33	0	0	0	0	0	0
Wilkie's Grove	Mrs. Jane Young, Rt. 4, Box 745, Hickory 28601	8	3	5	10	9	0	3	0	38	20	0	0	0	0	0	0
Zion Hill	Horace Sain, Rt. 3, Box 143, Vale 28168	4	13	12	18	11	9	4	0	71	34	0	0	0	0	0	0
	TOTALS	93	151	150	128	164	58	32	0	776	417	0	0	22	11	40	20

TABLE D CHURCH MUSIC 1971		74	75	76	77	78	79	80	81	82	83	84	85
Association SOUTH MOUNTAIN State NORTH CAROLINA Associational Music Director MR. VIRGIL BUFF Address: Box 462 City: Hildebran State: N.C. Zip: 28637		Preschool enrolment (5 years and under—not in school)	Children enrolment (6-11 years or grades 1-6)	Youth enrolment (12-17 years or grades 7-12)	Adult enrolment (18 and over)	General officers enrolment	Enrolment of mission(s) of church	Total church music enrolment	Average weekly church music enrolment	Handbell ringers enrolment	Vocal ensemble enrolment	Instrumental ensembles enrolment	Church music study group enrolment
CHURCHES	MUSIC DIRECTORS & ADDRESSES												
Abee's Chapel	Ronder Crawford, Rt. 1, Valdese 28690	12	0	25	30	8	0	75	65	25	0	0	0
Berea	Virgil Buff, Box 462, Hildebran 28637	0	0	10	14	4	0	28	0	0	0	0	0
Beulah	Mrs. Gracie Lee Mull, Rt. 3, Vale 28168	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Carswell Memorial	Raleigh Burnett, Rt. 4, Box 300, Morganton 28655	0	6	8	14	2	0	30	20	0	0	0	0
Corinth	Joe R. White, Rt. 1, Casar 28020	0	0	20	0	0	0	20	0	0	0	0	0
Drowning Creek													
Faith Olive	J. Blaine Phillips, 522 5th St. S. W., Hickory 28601	0	0	0	10	0	0	10	8	0	0	0	0
Grace and Truth	Miss Patsy Van Horn, Box 466, Hildebran 28637	0	15	19	17	0	0	51	0	0	6	0	0
Hildebran View	Mrs. Betty Walker, Rt. 1, Box 279, Connelly Spr. 28612	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Midway		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mt. Calvary		8	12	5	20	0	0	45	35	0	0	0	0
Mt. Gilead	Miss Rita Mull, Rt. 1, Connelly Springs 28612	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mt. Hebron	Mrs. Mavin Carswell, Rt. 1, Box 90 A, Connelly Spr. 28612	0	0	11	22	0	2	35	25	0	1	0	0
Mt. Vernon	Omar Heyle, Rt. 2, Vale 28168	0	5	4	20	1	2	32	20	0	4	0	0
Mt. Zion	Buland Short, Rt. 1, Casar 28020	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mull's Chapel	Mrs. Fred Hudson, Rt. 3, Vale 28168	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Oak Ridge	Mr. Terry Childers, Rt. 7 Box 479, Hickory 28601	0	0	2	26	1	0	29	16	0	0	0	0
Olive Grove	Mrs. Fred Spurling, Rt. 7, Box 246, Shelby 28150	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Philadelphia	Jack Price, Rt. 7, Box 275, Hickory 28601	5	10	5	30	0	0	50	0	0	0	0	0
Pisgah	Mrs. Robert Beam, Rt. 1, Casar 28020	0	0	25	12	0	0	37	25	0	0	0	0
Pleasant Grove	Hubert Lindsay, Rt. 4, Box 318, Morganton 28655	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
St. John's	Mrs. Betty Huffman, Rt. 1, Connelly Springs 28612	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
St. Paul	C. W. Cook, Rt. 1, Casar 28020	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Shoup's Grove	Mrs. Norma Jean Houston, Box 156, Icard 28666	0	0	15	20	2	0	37	25	0	0	0	0
Smart's Grove	Miss Alberta Lail, Rt. 1, Box 121, Connelly Spr. 28612	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
South Fork	Eugene Propst, Rt. 4, Box 778, Hickory 28601	0	0	0	25	0	0	25	0	0	0	0	0
Tabernacle	Mrs. Mae Tessneer, Rt. 3, Lawndale 28090	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Walker's Chapel	Joe Bradley, Rt. 8, Box 502, Morganton 28655	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Wilkie's Grove	Mrs. Mildred Clark, Rt. 4, Box 486, Hickory 28601	0	11	12	24	3	0	50	27	0	0	0	0
Zion Hill	Kenneth Sain, Rt. 2, Vale 28168	0	8	10	26	1	0	45	40	0	0	0	0
Zoar	Miss Sara Dean Chapman, Gen. Del., Casar 28020	0	0	0	18	0	0	18	0	0	0	0	0
	TOTALS	25	67	171	328	22	4	617	306	25	11	0	0

TABLE E WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION 1971		86A	86B	87A	87B	88A	88B	89A	89B	90A	90B	91	92A	92B	93A	93B
Association SOUTH MOUNTAIN		Mission Friends (5 years and under—not in school)		Girls in Action (6-11 years or grades 1-6)		Acteens (12-17 years or grades 7-12)		Baptist Young Women (18-29 years or H.S. graduation to 29 years)		Baptist Women (30 and over)			Mission(s) of church		Total WMU	
State NORTH CAROLINA																
Associational WMU Director MRS. JESSE FORTENBERRY																
Address Rt. 4 Box 751	City Hickory State N.C. Zip 28601	Number of organizations	Enrolment	Number of organizations	Enrolment	Number of organizations	Enrolment	Number of organizations	Enrolment	Number of organizations	Enrolment	WMU officers enrolment	Number of organizations	Enrolment	Number of organizations	Enrolment
CHURCHES	WMU DIRECTORS & ADDRESSES															
Abee's Chapel	Mrs. Ruth Reed, Rt. 1, Box 356, Connelly Springs 28612	1	5	1	12	1	8	1	6	1	20	3	5	51	10	105
Berea	Mrs. Earl Church, Rt. 1, Box 9, Connelly Springs 28612	0	0	0	0	1	5	1	15	1	10	0	3	30	6	60
Beulah	Mrs. Melene Benfield, Rt. 3, Vale 28168	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	12	3	0	0	1	15
Carswell Memorial	Mrs. G. C. Wray, Rt. 2, Box 338, Valdese 28690	1	5	1	8	1	6	0	0	1	12	4	0	0	4	35
Corinth	Mrs. Mazelle Lail, Rt. 1, Casar 28020	0	0	1	8	1	12	0	0	1	14	0	0	0	3	34
Midway	Mrs. Grady McCurry, Rt. 4, Box 837E, Hickory 28601	0	0	1	13	0	0	0	0	1	6	3	0	0	2	22
Mt. Gilead	Mrs. Ruby Chapman, Rt. 1, Connelly Springs 28612															
Mt. Hebron	Mrs. Verona McNeilly, Rt. 1, Box 70A, Connelly Springs 28612	3	15	2	12	2	12	1	7	1	17	5	0	0	9	68
Mt. Vernon	Mrs. Revonda Heavner, Rt. 3, Vale 28168	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	12	4	0	0	1	16
Oak Ridge	Mrs. Sue Evans, Rt. 2, Box 777, Connelly Springs 28612	0	0	1	17	1	10	1	10	1	15	0	0	0	4	52
Pisgah	Mrs. Don Elliott, Rt. 1, Casar 28020	1	6	1	3	1	10	1	7	1	10	3	0	0	5	39
St. John's	Mrs. Ruby Huffman, Rt. 1, Connelly Springs 28612	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	18	0	0	0	1	18
Shoup's Grove	Mrs. Flavie Houston, Box 3, Icard 28666	0	0	1	6	1	10	0	0	1	12	0	0	0	3	28
Walker's Chapel		0	0	1	7	1	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	13
Wilkie's Grove	Mrs. Jesse Fortenberry, Rt. 4, Box 751, Hickory 28601	1	10	1	12	1	4	1	17	1	12	10	0	0	5	65
	TOTALS	7	41	11	98	11	83	6	62	13	170	35	8	81	56	570

TABLE F BROTHERHOOD 1971		94	95	96	97	98	99	100	101
Association SOUTH MOUNTAIN State NORTH CAROLINA Associational Brotherhood Director REV. RONALD MARTIN Address Rt. 3 City Lawndale State N.C. Zip 28090		Crusaders (6-11 years or grades 1-6)	Pioneers (12-17 years or grades 7-12)	Baptist Young Men enrolment (18-29 years or H.S. graduation to 29 years)	Baptist Men enrolment (30-59 years or 30 to retirement)	Baptist Senior Men (60 and over or retirement and over)	General officers enrolment	Enrolment of mission(s) of church	Total Brotherhood enrolment
CHURCHES	BROTHERHOOD DIRECTORS & ADDRESSES								
Abee's Chapel	Johnnie Ray Abee, Rt. 1, Box 83B, Connelly Spr. 28612	8	14	0	32	54	7	2	117
Berea	Don Morton, 510 26th St. S.W., Hickory 28601	5	8	0	25	0	4	0	42
Carswell Memorial	Randy Powell, Box 362, Icard 28666	0	7	0	10	0	1	0	18
Corinth		10	15	0	0	0	0	0	25
Mt. Hebron	James Bradley, Rt. 1, Box 86, Connelly Spr. 28612	10	15	0	12	0	0	0	37
Oak Ridge	L. D. Cole, Sr., Rt. 2, Connelly Spr. 28612	11	11	12	12	0	0	0	46
Pisgah	J.C. Buff, Rt.1, Casar 28020	13	10	0	11	0	0	0	34
Shoup's Grove	Joe Crotts, Rt. 1, Box 39, Connelly Spr. 28612	7	7	2	4	0	0	0	20
Walkers Chapel		5	6	0	0	0	0	0	11
Wilkie's Grove	Kenneth Staton, Rt. 4, Box 470, Hickory 28601	8	6	10	6	0	5	0	35
Zion Hill	Kenneth Sain, Rt. 2, Vale 28168	9	6	0	13	0	4	0	32
	TOTALS	86	105	24	125	54	21	2	417

TABLE G TOTAL RECEIPTS, LOCAL EXPENDITURES & STEWARDSHIP 1971

Association: SOUTH MOUNTAIN
State: NORTH CAROLINA
Associational Treasurer: MISS DORIS UPTON
Address: Rt. 2 Box 321 City: Vale State: North Carolina Zip: 28168

CHURCHES	TREASURERS & ADDRESSES	12 Number of tithers	13 Budget prom. or emphasis used during the year. None	Forward Program	Other	14 Cooperative Program goal as percent of total budget	15 Associational missions goal as percent of total budget	102 Total tithes, all offerings, and special gifts	103 All other receipts	104 Total receipts	105 Money borrowed during the year	106 Church staff salaries	107 Money paid out on new construction during the year	108 Debt retirement during the year	109 All other local expenditures	110 Total local expenditures
Abee's Chapel	Ulen Lowman, Box 27, Valdese 38690	80	x			$100	$100	38670	0	38670	0	7100	5358	0	2383	14841
Berea	Russell Huffman, Rt. 1, Box 259, Valdese 28690	60	x			10	1	33689	0	33689	0	6675	0	9248	13498	29421
Beulah	E.A. Rudisill, 209 1st Ave., S.E. Hickory 28601	7	x			5	3	5147	0	5147	0	2580	741	0	2087	5408
Carswell Memorial	Mrs. V. Carswell, Rt. 4, Box 304, Morganton 28655	14		x		3	10	10344	0	10344	0	4048	3048	1300	2485	10881
Corinth	Ramon McNeilly, Rt. 1, Casar 28020	18	x			0	0	15450	704	16154	0	4775	5861	0	1947	12583
Drowning Creek																
Faith Olive	Mrs. Barbara Costner, Rt. 4, Box 900, Hickory 28601		x			0	0	4851	0	4851	0	1775	132	680	1845	4432
Grace and Truth	Willie VanHorn, Box 466, Hildebran 28637	16	x			0	0	4084	0	4084	0	1775	351	0	1177	3303
Hildebran View	Glenn Shook, Rt. 1, Box 277A, Connelly Spr. 28612	3	x			0	0	2300	32	2332	0	1970	0	0	200	2170
Midway	Joseph Beavers, Rt. 7, Box 5, Hickory 28601	0	x			0	0	6759	744	7503	0	5300	825	0	344	6469
Mt. Calvary	Clay Lail, Rt. 1, Connelly Springs 28612	20	x			0	0	7000	0	7000	0	3120	0	0	3800	6920
Mt. Gilead	Rita Mull, Rt. 1, Connelly Springs 28612	0	x			1	0	2973	25	2998	0	1550	0	0	977	2527
Mt. Hebron	Mrs. Esther Lagle, Rt. 1, Box 72A, Conn. Spr. 28612	63	x			8	1	31334	0	31334	0	7125	4195	0	20218	31538
Mt. Vernon	Paul R. Leatherman, Rt. 2, Vale 28168	34	x			15	1	15962	0	15962	0	6262	0	2200	3877	12339
Mt. Zion	Kevin Parker, Rt. 1, Casar 28020	10	x			0	0	2983	0	2983	0	1500	0	0	847	2347
Mull's Chapel	Mrs. K.B. Young, Rt. 1, Box 270, Connelly Spr. 28612	8	x			0	0	10094	0	10094	0	4510	0	1450	3924	9884
Oak Ridge	Edsel Johnson, Box 391, Hildebran 29637	65	x			0	0	21587	0	21587	0	6552	2087	2794	8189	19622
Olive Grove		15	x			0	0	24485	0	24485	0	3720	3523	5500	2636	15379
Philadelphia	Mrs. Helen Lowman, Rt. 1, Connelly Spr. 28612	32	x			0	0	21502	215	21717	17000	7884	27615	1577	3324	40400
Pisgah	Mrs. Robert Beam, Rt. 1, Casar 28020	20	x			4	6	14470	0	14470		4998	0	0	4952	9950
Pleasant Grove	Hubert H. Lindsay, Rt. 4, Box 318, Morganton 28655	4	x			0	0	4786	0	4786	0	1565	577	0	1261	3403
St. John's	Larry Huffman, Rt. 1, Box 276, Connelly Spr. 28612	20	x			0	0	13289	0	13289	0	5392	0	0	8143	13535
St. Paul	Alvin Cooke, Rt. 3, Lawndale 28090	20	x			0	0	13112	0	13112	0	5450	0	1320	4066	10836
Shoup's Grove	Mrs. Patsy Dameron, Rt. 4, Box 820, Hickory 28601	30	x			10	5	20016	0	20016	0	4670	0	1298	16243	22211
Smart's Grove	Mrs. Grady Lowman, Rt. 1, Connelly Spr. 28612	22	x			0	0	12275	0	12275	13500	4910	10000	2244	2327	19481
South Fork	Mrs. B. Hollar, 1030 13th St., S.W. Hickory 28601	37	x			12	0	20352	0	20352	2939	6325	3781	4915	7115	22136
Tabernacle	Mrs. Nell Glover, Rt. 1, Casar 28020	12	x			0	0	2972	0	2972	0	998	350	0	463	1811
Walker's Chapel	A. Huffman, Rt. 1, Box 290H, Connelly Spr. 28612	4	x			0	0	5848	500	6348	0	2615	0	0	1394	4009
Wilkie's Grove	Mrs. D. Bradshaw, Rt. 4, Box 745B, Hickory 28601	40	x			10.5	1.5	26000	0	26000	0	8216	3850	3860	2500	18426
Zion Hill	J.S. Ramsey, Rt. 1, Box 175B, Conn. Spr. 28612	0	x			10	0	21881	0	21881	4000	8515	7108	1400	6238	23261
Zoar	Sherrill Chapman, Rt. 1, Casar 28020	25	x			0	0	8551	0	8551	5346	1700	14862	446	1782	18790
	TOTALS	679						422766	2220	424986	42785	133575	94264	40232	130242	398313

TABLE H MISSION EXPENDITURES 1971

Association: SOUTH MOUNTAIN

State: NORTH CAROLINA

Associational Superintendent of Missions (Associational Missionary): REV. THOMAS BERRY

Address: Box 306 City: Connelly Springs State: N.C. Zip: 28612

		111	112	113	114	115	116	117	118	119	120	121	122	123	124	125
		Church Sponsored Missions			Cooperative Missions											
CHURCHES	CHURCH CLERKS & ADDRESSES	Money paid out on new construction during the year	All other church sponsored mission expenditures	Total church sponsored mission expenditures	Cooperative Program	Associational missions program	Designated: State missions	Designated: SBC Home Missions (incl. Annie Armstrong Easter offering)	Designated: SBC For. Missions-Lottie Moon Christmas offering	Designated: Christian education (schools, etc.)	Designated: Children's homes (cash plus goods)	Designated: Hospitals	Designated: Homes for the aged	Designated: All other (Bible Society, Temp. League, etc.)	Total Cooperative mission expenditures	Grand Total Mission expenditures
Abee's Chapel	Ivey E. Lowman, Rt. 1, Box 60K, Valdese 28690				100	175	50	135	523	400	100	150	75	60	1768	1768
Berea	Mrs. C. Wycoff, Rt. 2, Bx. 1106 Connelly Spr. 28612				3251	200		35	582		30	157	13		4268	4268
Beulah	Miss Jackie Lindsay, Rt. 3, Box 139A, Vale 28168				201	120									321	321
Carswell Memorial	Mrs. C.V. Moore, Rt. 4, Box 369, Morganton 28655				117	100		76	547	25	96	73			1034	1034
Corinth	Grady McNeilly, Rt. 1, Box 11, Casar 28020				345	100		224	338	67	170	277		373	1894	1894
Drowning Creek																
Faith Olive	Mrs. Barbara Costner, Rt. 4, Box 900, Hickory 28601				10										10	10
Grace and Truth	Miss Brenda Van Horn, Box 466, Hildebran 28637				15						25	25	41		106	106
Hildebran View	Mrs. Abbie Shook, Rt. 1, Box 277A, Connelly Spr. 26612															
Midway	Mrs. E. Proctor, 1813 33rd. St. Pl. N.E., Hickory 28601								58						58	58
Mt. Calvary	Mrs. Clay Lail, Rt. 1, Connelly Spr. 28612								200		25	25	200	450	450	
Mt. Gilead	Mrs. R. Rhoney, Rt. 1, Bx. 221R, Connelly Spr. 28612			43	10		8				6	29			53	96
Mt. Hebren	Mrs. Ray McDowell, Rt. 1, Box 694, Connelly Spr. 28612					260	329	817	1386	1253	253	0	140	156	4594	4594
Mt. Vernon	Miss Lucille Upton, Rt. 2, Box 321, Vale 28168				1695	238		230	1140	97	142	76	40		3658	3658
Mt. Zien	Sonja Parker, Rt. 1, Casar 28020				150	51	15				19	24	17		276	276
Mull's Chapel	Clyde McClurd, 813 Rostan St., S.E. Valdese 28690				25	30	26		50		40	53	31	140	395	395
Oak Ridge	Mrs. Jo Ann Edwards, Rt. 2, Connelly Spr. 28612				800	165		155	576		138	133	145		2112	2112
Olive Grove	Mrs. Howard Walker, Rt. 1, Box 212, Casar 28020			439		50			53		33				136	575
Philadelphia	Mrs. Sadie Brittain, Rt. 1, Box 128B, Conn. SP. 28612				57				325		60	80		325	847	847
Pisgah	Mrs. Austin Pruett, Box 13, Casar 28020				211	200	141	92	352		85	68	15	756	1920	1920
Pleasant Grove	Mrs. Ruth H. Walker, Rt. 1, Box 241, Conn. Sp. 28612						25					154		378	557	557
St. John's	Miss Lillie Huffman, Rt. 1, Box 129A, Conn. Sp. 28612								331			317			648	648
St. Paul	Ghyles L. McNeely, Rt. 3, Lawndale 28090				150			50			200	200			600	600
Shoup's Grove	Mrs. Maggie Huffman, Box 321, Hildebran 28637				520	260	66	157	302	14	116	33	34		1502	1502
Smart's Grove	Mrs. Evelyn Lail, Rt. 1, Box 113B, Conn. Sp. 28612					25	75		75		112	80		57	424	424
South Fork	Mrs. Elsie Young, Rt. 4, Box 770, Hickory 28601				687	515			103		375	356			2036	2036
Tabernacle	Mrs. Mae Tessneer, Rt. 3, Lawndale 28090											25	25		50	50
Walker's Chapel	Mrs. M. Alice Carswell, Rt. 4, Bx. 359C, Morganton 28655							12			50	50	35		147	147
Wilkie's Grove	Mrs. G.W. Clay, Rt.4, Box 493, Hickory 28601				2625	375	45	120	540	25	100	75	52	25	3982	3982
Zion Hill	Mrs. E.B. Daves, Rt.1, Box 170, Connelly Spr. 28612				1614	300	70	16	121		77	30	20	1847	4095	4095
Zoar	Phillip A. Lail, Rt.3, Box 27, Lawndale 28090					15					100			175	290	290
	TOTALS	482	12583	3179	850	2119	7602	1881	2327	2490	708	4492	38231	38713		

TABLE I SPECIAL INFORMATION 1971

Association: SOUTH MOUNTAIN
State: NORTH CAROLINA
Moderator: REV. RALPH STATON
Address: Rt. 4, Box 470 City: Hickory State: North Carolina Zip: 28601

CHURCHES	CHAIRMEN OF DEACONS & ADDRESSES	19 No. church-type missions started during the year	20 No. church-type missions currently operating	21 No. other-type missions started during the year	22 No. other-type missions currently operating	23–38 Committees existing during past year / Does church have or observe?																				39 Does church participate in Annuity Board prog.?		If yes, check staff positions included						40 Does church plan or contemplate a major building program within the year?		41 Number ordained for Gospel ministry during yr.	42 Number of deacons	43 Number of college students baptized during the year
						23 Ch. property & space	24 Stewardship	25 History	26 Missions	27 Public Relations	28 Kindergarten	29 Library	30 Recreation staff	31 St. paper in budget	32 Ch. Council/Cabinet	33 Weekday child care	34 Television ministry	35 Radio ministry	36 Dept. or class for the mentally retarded	37 Life Com'ment Sun.	38 Race Relations Sun.			Y	N	Pastor	Assistant Pastor	Minister of education	Music director or Song leader	Other staff	Y	N			
Abee's Chapel	Delkie Mourglea, Jr., Rt. 1, Box 358, Conn. Sp. 28612					x			x			x		x				x		x			x		x						x		0	0	0
Berea	Clarence Brittain, Box 1, Icard 28666					x	x	x					x		x					x			x		x						x		0	6	0
Beulah	L.E. Willis, Rt. 1, Connelly Sp. 28612																							x								x		0	0	0
Carswell Mem.	James B. Smith, Rt. 4, Box 266L, Morganton 28655					x				x		x	x		x									x								x		0	0	0
Corinth	J.L. Newton, Rt. 1, Casar 28020																							x								x		0	0	0
Drowning Creek																																				
Faith Olive	Grady Allen, Rt. 7, Hickory 28601																							x								x		0	0	0
Grace and Truth	Willie Van Horn, Box 466, Hildebran 28637																							x								x			4	
Hildebran View																								x								x		0	0	0
Midway	Lex Wright, Rt. 2, Box 590, Conn. Sp. 28612																							x								x		0	0	0
Mt. Calvary	Paul Carswell, Rt. 1, Connelly Sp. 28612																	x						x								x		0	4	0
Mt. Gilead	Ronald Rhoney, Rt. 1, Box 221R, Conn. Sp. 28612	2	2																					x								x		0	6	0
Mt. Hebron	David Smith, Box 372, Hildebran 28637											x	x		x								x		x						x		0	2	0
Mt. Vernon	Blair Wesson, Rt. 2, Vale 28168					x		x	x														x		x						x		0	8	0
Mt. Zion	C.B. Lindsay, Rt. 1, Casar 28020																							x								x		0	9	0
Mull's Chapel	Lester Rhoney, Rt. 1, Conn. Sp. 28612																							x								x		0	0	0
Oak Ridge													x								x			x								x		0	3	0
Olive Grove	Charlie Crotts, Rt. 1, Box 253C, Casar 28021																							x								x		1	7	0
Philadelphia	Billy Brittain, Rt. 1, Box 293C, Conn. Sp. 28612																							x								x		0	1	0
Pisgah	Gene Canipe, Rt. 1, Casar 28020					x						x			x								x		x						x		0	7	0
Pleasant Grove	J.M. Walker, Rt. 1, Box 241, Conn. Sp. 28612					x																		x								x		0	3	0
St. John's	Lonnie Brittain, Rt. 4, Hickory 28601																							x								x		0	5	0
St. Paul	Earl Morrison, Rt. 1, Casar 28020					x							x											x							x		0	11	0
Shoup's Grove	Glenn Dameron, Icard 28666																						x		x							x		0	2	0
Smart's Grove	R.E. Moses, Rt. 1, Conn. Sp. 28612																							x								x		0	1	0
South For..	Eugene Propst, Rt. 4, Box 778, Hickory 28601					x	x																x		x							x		0	2	0
Tabernacle	John Glover, Rt. 1, Casar 29020																							x								x		0	4	0
Walker's Chapel	Alexander Huffman, Rt. 1, Box 290H, Conn. Sp. 28612																							x								x		0	4	0
Wilkie's Grove	Walter Brittain, Rt. 4, Hickory 28601											x	x										x		x							x		0	1	0
Zion Hill	Warren Yancey, Rt. 3, Lawndale 28090					x							x	x									x		x							x		0	1	0
Zoar	Lester J. Lail, Rt. 3, Lawndale 28090					x																		x							x			0	6	0

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Treasurer ..... Miss Doris Upton, Rt. 2, Box 321, Vale 28168, 735-7814
Sunday School Director .....
Church Training Director .... Rev. G.C. Wray, Rt. 2, Box 338, Valdese 28690, 879-9520
Brotherhood Director ..... Rev. Ronald Martin, Rt. 3, Lawndale 28090, 538-8551
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Music Director ..... Mr. Virgil Buff, Box 462, Hildebran 28637, 397-3185
Evangelism Chairman .....
Historian ..... Mrs. Vassie Hoyle, Rt. 2, Box 322, Vale 28168
Supt. of Missions ..... Rev. Thomas Berry, Box 306, Connelly Springs 28612 879-9380

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OFFICERS

Wilkie's Grove ..... Rev. Ralph Staton
Mull's Chapel ..... Rev. J. Richard Adams
Mt. Vernon ..... Miss Lucille Upton
Miss Doris Upton
Carswell Memorial ..... Rev. G.C. Wray
Zion Hill ..... Rev. Ronald Martin
Wilkie's Grove ..... Mrs. Jesse Fortenberry
Berea ..... Mr. Virgil Buff
Mt. Hebron ..... Rev. Raymond Crook
Mt. Vernon ..... Mrs. Vassie Hoyle
Berea ..... Rev. Thomas Berry

PASTORS

CHURCH	NAME AND ADDRESS
Abee's Chapel	Mack Hodge, Box 157, Valdese 28690
Berea	
Beulah	Darrell Pruette, Rt. 3, Vale 28168
Carswell Memorial	G.C. Wray, Rt. 2, Box 338, Valdese 28690
Corinth	Cecil Buff, Box 576, Lawndale 28090
Drowning Creek	Roy Craig, Catawba Ave., Rhodhiss 28667
Faith Olive	Hugh C. Bolick, Rt. 4, Box 254 C, Hickory 28601
Grace and Truth	
Hildebran View	Stanley Brittain, Rt. 1, Connelly Springs 28612
Hoyle Memorial	Toney Hull, Rt. 1, Casar 28020
Midway	Grady McCurry, Rt. 4, Box 837E, Hickory 28601

Mount Calvary ..... Mack Annas, 189 Walt Arney Rd., Lenoir 28645
Mount Gilead ..... Ottis Cook, Rt. 1, Casar 28020
Mount Hebron ..... Raymond Crook, Rt. 3, Box 702, Conn. Spr. 28612
Mount Vernon ..... Paul Crotts, Rt. 3, Vale 28168
Mount Zion ..... Z.W. Settlemyer, Box 296, Cherryville 28021
Mull's Chapel ..... J. Richard Adams, Rt. 1, Box 149-A, Conn. Sp. 28612
Oak Ridge ..... Edsel Mull, Rt. 2, Box 1040, Connelly Sp. 28612
Olive Grove ..... Robert Beck, Rt. 1, Casar 28020
Philadelphia ..... Harold Ward, Rt. 1, Connelly Springs 28612
Pisgah ..... H.B. Dellinger, Rt. 1, Casar 28020
Pleasant Grove ..... John H. Smart, Rt. 1, Box 347, Conn. Spr. 28612
Saint John's ..... Andy Mead, Rt. 1, Connelly Springs 28612
Saint Paul ..... Kenneth Simpson, Rt. 1, Casar 28020
Shoup's Grove ..... Dennis Whitley, Box 240, Icard 28666
Smart's Grove ..... Finley McCoury, Rt. 3, Box 855, Conn. Sp. 28612
South Fork ..... R.L. Ball, Rt. 4, Box 785, Hickory 29601
Tabernacle ..... John Glover, Rt. 1, Casar 28020
Walker's Chapel ..... Harold Kanupp, Rt. 1, Connelly Springs 28612
Wilkie's Grove ..... Ralph Staton, Rt. 4, Box 470, Hickory 28601
Zion Hill ..... Ronald Martin, Rt. 3, Lawndale 28090
Zoar ..... Carrell Pruette, Rt. 2, Box 265B, Granite Falls 28630

MESSENGERS TO THE ASSOCIATION

Abee's Chapel - Leona Hodge, Gus Gilliland, Cora Gilliland, Cleve Setzer, Adele Setzer, Alvin Stephans, Gertrude Barger.
Berea - Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Buff, Mr. and Mrs. J.R. Carpenter, Charlie Townsend, Mrs. Carl Greene, Mrs. Rebecca Newton.
Beulah - Mrs. C.R. Lindsay, Mrs. Minnie Mull, Mrs. Lecie Benfield, Mrs. Virginia Rhoney, Mr. and Mrs. E.A. Rudisill.
Carswell Memorial - Mr. and Mrs. C.R. Poteet, Mr. and Mrs. David Lewis, Rev. and Mrs. G.C. Wray, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Smith.
Corinth -
Drowning Creek -
Grace and Truth - Mrs. Dovie Baker, Mrs. Rachel Willis, Mrs. Ruby Van Horn.
Hildebran View -
Hoyle Memorial - Rev. Toney Hull, Vasco Price, Mary Price.
Midway - Oliver Icard, Rev. Grady McCurry, Milburn Fouler, John Lail, Vernie Wright, Mr. and Mrs. Lex Wright, Willie Spurling.
Mt. Calvary -
Mt. Gilead - Mrs. Mary Lou Mull, Mrs. Bessie Chapman, Mrs. Nadie Parker, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Parker.
Mt. Hebron - Rev. and Mrs. Raymond Crook, Mrs. Nell Brittain, Mrs. Elizabeth Huffman, Mrs. Esther Lagle, Will Huffman, James Bradley.
Mt. Vernon - Mrs. Junie Gantt, Mrs. Clara Houser, Mrs. Vassie Hoyle, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Williams, R.L. Hoyle, Mrs. Hester Shull, Mrs. Edith Wise.
Mt. Zion - Mrs. Florence Proctor, Mrs. Ruth Angel, Richard Anderson.
Mull's Chapel - Edd Keller, Macie Keller, Rev. Richard Adams, Rena Peller, Loyd Workman.
Oak Ridge - Mr. and Mrs. Lee Roy Childers, Mr. and Mrs. Shirley Hudson.

Olive Grove - Charlie Crotts, Pink Walker, Mrs. Howard Walker, Mrs. Myrtle Walker, Mrs. Annie Mae Parker, Mrs. Guynell Cook, Mrs. Flavie Cook.
Philadelphia - Rev. and Mrs. Harold Ward, Junior Crotts, Mrs. Shirley Crotts, Ronald Singleton, Blake Abee, Mrs. Marilyn Brittain, J.T. Brittain.
Pisgah - Mr. and Mrs. Cleveland Buff, Mr. and Mrs. Caleb Costner, Julius Parker, Mrs. Bertha Jones.
Pleasant Grove - Rev. John H. Smart, Hubert H. Lindsay, Carl Powell.
St. John's - Guy Stamey, Betty Stamey, Ruby Hoyle, Ruby Huffman, Sam Huffman, Betty Huffman, Nellie Huffman, Ruby Hartman, Helen Tallent, Lillie Huffman.
St. Paul - Claude Cook, Julius Earl, Glenn Mead, Lussie Willis, Bentha Cook, Marion Benfield, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Goforth.
Shoup's Grove - Rev. and Mrs. Dennis Whitley, Joe Crotts, Mrs. Desola Crotts, Vance Brittain, Mrs. Violet Brittain.
Smart's Grove - Mrs. Carl Lail, Mrs. Carlie Lail, Mrs. Troy Abee.
South Fork - Rev. and Mrs. R.L. Ball, Mrs. Faye Shook, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ball, Roy Young.
Tabernacle -
Walker's Chapel - Shub Carswell, Mary A. Carswell, Lena McNeely, Gene Huffman.
Wilkie's Grove - Mrs. Ruby Staton, Mr. and Mrs. W.E. Clark, Mrs. Mavis Fortenberry, Mrs. Nancy Clay.
Zion Hill - Mrs. Nettie Hudson, Horace Sain, Warren Yancey, Mrs. Georgia Cook, Clarence Huffman, Mrs. Ila Lingerfelt.
Zoar -

VISITORS TO THE ASSOCIATION

Irene Robbins - Community Baptist Church, Theron Rankin Assn.
Mr. and Mrs. Herman Hicks - Mt. Moriah Baptist Church, Carolina Assn.
Dr. Perry Crouch - Baptist State Convention, Raleigh
Rev. Thomas Taylor - Gantt's Grove, Sandy Run Assn.
Jerry R. Walker - Gardner-Webb College, Boiling Springs
Minnie Downs - Casar Baptist Church, Kings Mountain Assn.
Vertie Downs - Casar Baptist Church, Kings Mountain Assn.
Faye Selma Downs - Casar Baptist Church, Kings Mountain Assn.
E.C. Wilkie - Baptist State Convention, Raleigh
W. Isaac Terrell - Mills Home, Thomasville, Liberty Assn.
Representative of Baptist Children's Homes

Constitution

1. This body shall be known as "The South Mountain Baptist Association."
2. It shall be composed of messengers from Missionary Baptist Churches.
3. The messengers from any Missionary Baptist Church may be admitted into this Association upon recommendation of the Committee on Petitionary Letters and the majority vote of members present at any regular meeting.
4. Any church in good fellowship may, at her discretion, withdraw from this body.
5. This Association may at any meeting, after investigation and report of a duly authorized committee of the Association, by a majority vote declare a dissolution of

union with any church deemed corrupt, either in doctrine or practice.

6. Any church in this Association, with fifty members or under, may send three messengers, with one additional for each succeeding fifty members or major fraction thereof.

7. At each session of this Association a Moderator, a Vice-Moderator, a Clerk, and Treasurer shall be chosen by vote and hold office until their successors are elected. A Moderator shall not be eligible to succeed himself after having served in office for two years.

8. The meetings of the Association shall be held annually beginning on Thursday after the second Sunday of October unless otherwise ordered by the Association or the Executive Board.

9. The design of this Association is to promote the cause of true religion with the several churches of which it is or may be composed and to sustain the various objects fostered by the North Carolina State Convention and the Southern Baptist Convention.

10. This Association has no authority over any church nor any right to interfere with its internal concerns.

11. For the mutual benefit of the churches composing this Association, it shall be the duty of each church to forward with messengers a written communication to each annual meeting, specifying the names of messengers, statistics of the church for the foregoing year, giving account of its spiritual conditions and stating the names of the pastor and other licentiates or ordained ministers connected with the church.

12. (a) The Executive Committee shall be composed of the Associational officers and the pastors of each church, along with the Sunday School Director, Church Training Director, Brotherhood Director, Clerk, Treasurer and W.M.U. Director. Ten members shall constitute a quorum.

(b) The Executive committee meetings shall be on Tuesday after the second Sunday in January, April, July and Tuesday after the first Sunday in October.

(c) The Moderator shall appoint the Committee on Committees to serve from one Annual Meeting to the next (starting with 1966).

(d) The Committee on Committees shall fill vacancies that may occur between annual meetings of the Association by bringing names to the Executive Committee for their approval.

13. The Constitution may be altered or amended by two-thirds of the members present at any annual meeting provided such alterations or amendment shall be submitted in writing at one session and acted upon at the next.

14. Kerfoot's Parliamentary Laws, as far as applicable, shall be followed in the government of the Association.

15. Only one person shall be allowed to petition the body in session for more than one thing in the same session, unless given permission by the Moderator or two-thirds of the messengers present.

16. No department officer shall exercise authority over his department, except it be in accord with the ruling of the Executive Committee or the Association in regular session.

RULES OF ORDER OF THE CONSTITUTION

1. Every meeting shall be opened and closed with prayer.

2. All questions of procedure shall be decided by Kerfoot's Manual of Parliamentary Practice.

3. In view of the fact that the officers of our Association come to the annual meet-

ing with plans made for the session, be it resolved that we elect our officers at the close of the meeting to act till the close of the next annual meeting.

COMMITTEES AND THEIR DUTIES

COMMITTEES APPOINTED BY MODERATOR

Section 1. The Moderator shall appoint in advance of the annual meeting a Committee on Enrollment, Place, Time and Preacher, and Resolutions Committees and any other committees he may deem advisable or necessary. Each of these committees shall report at the annual meeting for which they are appointed.

Section 2. The Committee on enrollment shall be composed of members of the host church appointed by the chairman. It shall be the duties of this committee to arrange for the registration of all the messengers and visitors and to make a report to the association.

Section 3. The Committee on Time, Place and Preacher shall be composed of three members. It shall be the duty of this committee to recommend to the Association the churches at which the next session shall meet and the preachers for the annual sermons at the next session.

Section 4. The Committee on Resolutions shall be composed of three members. It shall be the duty of this Committee to draw up and present to the Association suitable resolutions of appreciation and expressions of sentiments on any matter chosen by the committee or directed by the messengers of the session.

COMMITTEES SELECTED BY COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES

Section 5. The Committee on Committees shall be composed of five appointed members, the Moderator and Associational Missionary. Other officers of the Association may act as Ex Officio members. It shall be the duty of this Committee to prepare for approval of the Association the names of persons to serve on the following committees: Nomination, Finance, Petitionary Letters, Ordination of Ministers, Constitution of Churches, Trustees, Evangelism, Music, Missions and South Mountain Camp.

Section 6. The Program Committee shall be composed of the general officers of the Association. It shall be the duty of this Committee to prepare and present a suggested order of business to be adopted by the Association. When adopted, this program becomes the order of business unless changed by common consent or by vote of the body.

Section 7. The Committee on Nominations shall be composed of five members. It shall be the duty of this Committee to prepare for the Association the names of individuals as nominees for the following offices: Moderator, Vice-Moderator, Treasurer, Clerk, Sunday School Director, Church Training Director, Music Director, Pianist and Historian. It shall be the duty of this Committee to name for the approval of the Association individuals who shall bring to the next annual meeting brief written reports on Public Morals and Temperance, Christian Education, Foreign Missions, Home Missions, State Missions, Hospitals, Homes for the Aging, Children's Homes, Cooperative Program, Religious Literature, Christian Stewardship, Relief and Annuity, Obituaries, Southern Baptist Protective Program, and the American Bible Society. Nominations by this Committee shall not preclude nominations from the floor. This Committee shall make nominations for vacancies that may occur during the year.

(a) Sunday School Director, Church Training Director, and Brotherhood Director shall work with the Nominating Committee in selecting officers for their departments.

(b) The Committee on Ordination of Ministers shall act only upon the request of the churches.

PROPOSED CHANGES IN THE CONSTITUTION

12. (a) The Executive Committee shall be composed of the Associational officers and the pastors of each church, along with the Sunday School Director, Church Training Director, Brotherhood Director, Clerk, Treasurer and W.M.U. Director. Ten members shall constitute a quorum.

Section 7. This section shall remain as is with the following changes in the names of officers: Moderator, Vice-Moderator, Treasurer, Clerk, Sunday School Director, Church Training Director, Brotherhood Director, Music Director, Pianist and Historian.

The American Bible Society shall be added to the list of written reports to be presented at each annual meeting.

(a) Sunday School Director, Church Training Director, and Brotherhood Director shall work with the Nominating Committee in selecting officers for their departments.

HISTORICAL TABLE OF THE ASSOCIATION

1950 - S.M. Stroupe, Moderator; J.E. Hoffman, Vice-Moderator; Mrs. J.D. Goodwin, Clerk; A.V. Ledford, N.S. Hardin, Preachers; Oak Ridge, Corinth, Places.

1951 - S.M. Stroupe, Moderator; J.E. Hoffman, Vice Moderator; Mrs. J.D. Goodwin, Clerk; Grady Welch, L.A. Miller, Preachers; Icard, Zion Hill, Places.

1952 - S.M. Stroupe, Moderator; J.E. Hoffman, Vice Moderator; Mrs. Claude Icard, Clerk; Lamont Mayes, W.H. Flowers, Preachers; Henry River, St. Paul, Places.

1953 - S.M. Stroupe, Moderator; B.R. Holbrook, Vice Moderator; Mrs. B.R. Holbrook, Clerk; R.W. Hord, Fred Hicks, Preachers; Bethany, Mt. Vernon, Places.

1954 - J.E. Hoffman, Moderator; A.V. Ledford, Vice Moderator; Mrs. B.R. Holbrook, Clerk; Forrest Davis, B.R. Holbrook, Preachers; Shoup's Grove, Walker's Chapel, Places.

1955 - J.E. Hoffman, Moderator; Ralph Berry, Vice Moderator; Mrs. B.R. Holbrook, Clerk; Buren Hastings, J.E. Hoffman, Preachers; Connelly Springs, Pisgah, Places.

1956 - Paul Crotts, Moderator; W.N. Reece, Vice Moderator; Mrs. Frank Hicks, Clerk; Julius Hildebran, Ralph Berry, Preachers; St. Paul, Mull's Chapel, Places.

1957 - Paul Crotts, Moderator; W.N. Reece, Vice Moderator; Mrs. Frank Hicks, Clerk; Joe Richards, B.H. Cline, Preachers; Abee's Chapel, Carswell Memorial, Places.

1958 - Paul Crotts, Moderator; W.N. Reece, Vice Moderator; Mrs. Frank Hicks, Clerk; J.E. Hoffman, Paul Crotts, Preachers; St. John's, Oak Ridge, Places.

1959 - Paul Crotts, Moderator; Mrs. Frank Hicks, Clerk; Edsel Mull, Grady McCurry, Preachers; Berea, Beulah, Places.

1960 - Paul Crotts, Moderator; Mrs. Frank Hicks, Clerk; Harold Whitener, Earsel Robinson, Preachers; Midway, Zion Hill, Places.

1961 - Paul Crotts, Moderator; Mrs. Frank Hicks, Clerk; P.G. Sullivan, Harold White-

ner, Preachers; Mt. Vernon, Shoup's Grove, Places.

1962 - Paul Crotts, Moderator; Harold Whitener, Vice Moderator; Mrs. Frank Hicks, Clerk; S.M. Stroupe, J.I. Willis, Preachers; Wilkie's Grove, Corinth, Places.

1963 - Harold Whitener, Moderator; Paul Crotts, Vice Moderator; Mrs. Frank Hicks, Clerk; Garland Early, Harvey Harris, Preachers; St. Paul, Pleasant Grove, Places.

1964 - Paul Crotts, Moderator; Mrs. Frank Hicks, Clerk; B.R. Whisnant, Thomas Taylor, Preachers; Mt. Gilead, Olive Grove, Places.

1965 - Paul Crotts, Moderator; Mrs. Frank Hicks, Clerk; Floyd Benfield, Jack Johnson, Preachers; Mt. Hebron, Pisgah, Places.

1966 - Thomas D. Taylor, Moderator; Miss Lucille Upton, Clerk; J.M. Powell, Jack E. Guffey, Preachers; Drowning Creek, Mull's Chapel, Mt. Calvary, Places.

1967 - Paul Crotts, Moderator; Miss Lucille Upton, Clerk; J.T. Cline, William Shytle, Preachers; Abee's Chapel, Wilkie's Grove, Smart's Grove, Places.

1968 - William Shytle, Moderator; Miss Lucille Upton, Clerk; Andy Mead, G.C. Wray, Preachers; Berea, Beulah, St. Paul, Places.

1969 - William Shytle, Moderator; Miss Lucille Upton, Clerk; R.L. Ball, Harold Ashe, Preachers; Oak Ridge, Carswell Memorial, Faith Olive, Places.

1970 - J.T. Cline, Moderator; Miss Lucille Upton, Clerk; Richard Adams, Ralph Staton, Preachers; Mt. Vernon, Mull's Chapel, Places.

1971 - J.T. Cline, Moderator; Miss Lucille Upton, Clerk; Ronald Martin, Cecil Buff, Preachers; Zion Hill, Corinth, Places.

1972 - Ralph Staton, Moderator; Miss Lucille Upton, Clerk; Dennis Whitley, Carrell Pruette, Preachers; Zoar, Abee's Chapel, Places.

Proceedings

Sixty-Second Session of the South Mountain Baptist Association

THEME: "TOGETHER WE ADVANCE"

Thursday Afternoon

Theme: "Together We Advance . . . In Our State Opportunities"

1. In a spirit of reverence and keen anticipation, representatives from various churches and visitors from the Baptist State Convention came together for the 62nd session of the South Mountain Baptist Association. The meeting was held in the sanctuary of Zoar Baptist Church and was called to order at 4:00 o'clock by Rev. Ralph Staton, Moderator. The congregation joined in the opening hymn "Come Thou Almighty King."

2. In the absence of Rev. Raymond Crook, devotional meditations were given by Michael Staton. Rev. Richard Adams led in the opening prayer.

3. Printed programs were distributed at the registration desk, and after a few moments of consideration, the group moved acceptance of the program as prepared by the committee. As a part of the business of the day, enrollment cards were filled out and collected and books of reports were distributed.

4. Rev. Staton reminded members of several committees of their previous appointment and their responsibilities for reporting to the current session. Those serv-

ing were: Resolutions - Dennis Whitley, Mrs. Lillie Wray, and Mrs. Virgil Buff; Time, Place, and Preacher - Mrs. Cecil Buff, Mrs. Ronald Martin, and Mrs. Ralph Staton.

5. The group heard reports prepared by local representatives on the various North Carolina Baptist Institutions.

6. R.L. Ball moved adoption of the report on the Childrens' Homes and after being received favorably, he proceeded to speak briefly to the report. He then presented Rev. Isaac Terrell, Director of Development, who also spoke concerning the Childrens' Homes, distributed materials, and publicized the special offering taken in our churches at Thanksgiving to support this worthy cause.

7. Rev. Staton, in behalf of Fred Sain who could not be present, moved adoption of the report on Christian Education and his recommendation was accepted. Jerry Walker, representing Gardner-Webb College, highly commended our Baptist Colleges and brought literature for distribution. He later counselled several students who expressed an interest in attending Gardner-Webb.

8. John Munday who prepared the report on the Baptist Hospital was absent, and Rev. Ball moved adoption of his report. Mr. and Mrs. Herman Hicks emphasized the importance of our hospital by appearing as a family with their "miracle baby" whose life God had seen fit to spare and who today is perfectly normal following surgery at 3 days of age and periodic check-ups by our wonderful staff of physicians. He brought free materials to be distributed and urged support of the hospital through the Mother's Day Offering.

9. The Cooperative Program Report was accepted when Rev. T.A. Lineberger moved its adoption. He then spoke briefly emphasizing certain points of the Program.

10. Using the theme adopted by the state, "Together We Advance," Dr. Perry Crouch, Executive Secretary of the Baptist State Convention, brought a most interesting and inspiring message. He traced the history of the Baptist movement from early times to the present and projected us into the future as we consider and strive for the special three-year emphasis (1973-1974-1975). These goals include a 10% increase each year in the number of baptisms, Sunday School (Bible study) enrollment, and Cooperative Program and Associational Missions support.

11. Rev. Thomas Berry, Superintendent of Missions, had planned to introduce the new pastors in the association, but when it became evident that none were present, he proceeded to let all pastors who were present identify themselves and the churches they serve.

12. The report of the Executive Committee was given by Lucille Upton, Clerk. After moving adoption and having the report accepted, she spoke briefly urging more cooperation and more active involvement and participation in the associational activities.

13. Edsel Mull presented the Treasurer's Report for Doris Upton who could not be present. Upon his move for adoption, the report was accepted by the assembly.

14. The group then joined in singing the hymn "Have Faith in God," with Virgil Buff directing.

15. We were then favored with special music by a quartet composed of Virgil Buff, Becky Newton, Frances Greene, and Wanda Carpenter. Their selection was entitled "Let Me Touch Him."

16. Rev. R.L. Ball led the group in prayer, preparing our hearts to receive the message of the evening.

17. Upon being presented by the Moderator, Rev. Dennis Whitley, pastor of Shoup's Grove Baptist Church, brought the message emphasizing many points of doctrinal belief and basing his thoughts on Acts 1:8. His message was well-received,

and he concluded with prayer.

18. Rev. Carrell Pruette, pastor of Zoar, the host church, made brief announcements about the evening meal and comfort facilities, inviting everyone to remain for the good fellowship.

19. Following the singing of the hymn "Rescue the Perishing," Rev. Mack Hodge pronounced the benediction, remembering in special prayer Rev. Robert Beck, pastor of Olive Grove, in the event of an automobile accident fatally injuring his mother and critically injuring his father. He also asked blessings for the evening meal.

A bountiful and delicious meal was enjoyed by all who were present.

Thursday Night

Theme: "Together We Advance . . . In Our Mission Opportunities"

20. The evening session began with special music by an Associational Choir directed by Virgil Buff. Their first selection was the hymn "There Is a Name I Love to Hear," and the congregation joined with them in heartfelt praise to God.

21. The Vice-Moderator, Rev. Cecil Buff, presided and extended a cordial welcome to all who were present. We had some come for the evening session who had not been able to attend in the afternoon. He called attention to the theme for the evening.

22. He then introduced Rev. Harold Ward for devotional thoughts. His scripture was taken from Isaiah 12. The prayer was then given by Rev. Richard Adams.

23. Re-emphasizing the theme of missions, Rev. Buff proceeded to follow the program as adopted and introduced the various speakers.

24. In the absence of Rev. Ronald Martin who was to have presented the report of the work of Baptist Men, Rev. Buff moved adoption of the report as submitted by Rev. Martin and the motion carried.

25. Due to the absence of Cecil Cook, the R.A. Report was omitted.

26. Rev. G.C. Wray, Chairman of the Missions Committee, requested time to present a matter for consideration at the Friday session. He offered the proposal that the association assume responsibility in employing our Superintendent of Missions, Rev. Thomas Berry, for full-time service. He asked that the messengers give this serious consideration and be ready to take action on the second day.

27. The Recreation Report was given by Lee Roy Childers who moved adoption, and the report was accepted. He spoke concerning the need for cooperation and participation and offered his help to any church desiring to participate in the scheduled recreational activities.

28. Mrs. Verona McNeely was absent, but Rev. Buff moved adoption of her report on Woman's Missionary Union, and the vote was favorable.

29. A move for adoption and a vote of acceptance was given to the report on State Missions as prepared by Rev. Paul Robinson who could not be present to submit the report.

30. In the absence of Rev. Harold Dellinger, the group moved for adoption and accepted his report on Home Missions.

31. Rev. Edsel Mull submitted the report on Foreign Missions. After moving for adoption and being favorably accepted by the delegate assembly, he spoke briefly, emphasizing the importance of mission work around the world. He reminded us of the commission to "Go" and caused us to know that we can go by means of praying and giving.

32. The congregation joined in singing the hymn "Forward Through the Ages," with Virgil Buff directing.

33. Mr. Buff then turned to lead the Associational Choir in presenting the song,

"People to People." This was most inspiring when we remember that witnessing and ministering are dependent upon people having contact with other people. This is the heart of missions - people concerned about other people.

34. Mr. Julius Parker then led the group in prayer.

35. The congregation stood and sang together the hymn "At the Cross," under the direction of Virgil Buff.

36. A highlight of the evening's program was a Missionary Message by Rev. E. C. Wilkie. His inspiring and provocative remarks included all phases of missions. By a clever combination of humor and serious remarks, he did not fail to impress upon us our privileges and responsibilities for spreading the gospel to the ends of the earth. He challenged us to prove we were Baptists if we didn't believe in missions. He also gave a serious encouragement that all of us participate in the world missions program through the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering.

37. Rev. Buff, after encouraging and urging attendance at tomorrow's sessions, called upon Mrs. Paul Crotts who pronounced the benediction.

Friday Afternoon

Theme: "Together We Advance . . . In Our Christian Endeavor"

38. On Friday afternoon at 4:00 o'clock, the second day of the annual session of the South Mountain Baptist Association reconvened in the sanctuary of Abee's Chapel Church with some 170 persons in attendance. The program was presided over by the moderator, Rev. Staton, who called the meeting to order and led the congregation in the hymn " 'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus." Mrs. Paul Crotts served as pianist and Flo Buff played the organ. Rev. Staton then extended greetings and words of welcome to those in attendance.

39. Rev. Z.E. Settlemyer, pastor of Mt. Zion, was recognized and conducted the devotional thoughts concluding with prayer.

40. A brief resume of the preceeding day's program was given by the clerk and will be recorded as minutes. The report was accepted upon her move for adoption.

41. The report of the Baptist Foundation was given by Rev. Thomas Berry who moved adoption and was given a favorable vote. He spoke briefly and requested time later should a representative from the Baptist Convention arrive as anticipated.

42. As Miss Diane Starnes was absent, her report on Religious Literature was voted upon at the recommendation of Rev. Staton who spoke to the report and called attention to other publications helpful in Baptist beliefs and programs.

43. Don Morton presented the report on the American Bible Society and moved its adoption. Upon being accepted, he then spoke to the report encouraging support of the organization.

44. The Stewardship Report as given by Carrell Pruette received a vote of acceptance upon his move for adoption, and he proceeded to speak tc the report.

45. Rev. Staton called attention to the Sunday School report as submitted by Fred Sain who was unable to attend, and upon being accepted, he spoke to the report.

46. The Public Morals and Temperance report inspired additional comment by Rev. Mack Hodge after the body voted acceptance. We are all aware of the need for emphasizing Christian influence in improving conditions relating to alcoholism, drug addiction, crime, etc.

47. Thomas Berry, Superintendent of Missions for the association, introduced two new pastors. They were Robert Beck, pastorof Olive Grove, and Harold Kanupp of Walker's Chapel.

48. Under the direction of Robert Berry, the congregation joined in singing the

hymn "I Must Tell Jesus."

49. The proposal of the Missions Committee was again introduced by G.C. Wray who served as chairman and originally presented the proposal on Thursday. His recommendation was two-fold: (1) That we employ the Superintendent of Missions full-time beginning January 1, 1973, (2) That the association petition the State Convention for $2400 as a supplement to his salary. The body voted unanimously to accept both proposals.

50. The Budget report was presented by Rev. Ronald Martin who served as chairman. He recommended the acceptance of the report with one change: that the salary of the Superintendent of Missions be increased from $3,400 to $5,200. The body voted to accept the change and Rev. Martin then spoke in support of the report. Further support was voiced by Edsel Mull who favored the change and urged the churches to take the necessary steps to support the program financially.

51. A special prayer session was held in behalf of Rev. and Mrs. R.L. Ball due to sudden illness in her family and for the family of Rev. Robert Beck. Also included was a petition that God would convict us of our failure to support missions and in some instances for failure to increase pastor's salaries in keeping with the increased cost of living. Rev. T.A. Lineberger led the prayer.

52. Robert Berry presented the report of the Southern Baptist Annuity Board and spoke to the report after it was favorably accepted by the delegation.

53. The Church Training report was given by Rev. G.C. Wray and upon his move for adoption it was accepted. In speaking to the report, Rev. Wray suggested some ways in which church training could improve the whole program.

54. Virgil Buff led the congregation in the hymn "We'll Work Till Jesus Comes."

55. The special music was a quartet rendition of the song "Jesus, I Love You." Members of the quartet deserve congratulations and appreciation for their contribution to the spiritual atmosphere of the whole program.

56. Rev. Bill Clark led the congregation in a prayer session.

57. The Doctrinal Message as given by Rev. Carrell Pruette dealt in particular with the Holy Spirit and his remarks were based upon words found in I Samuel 10:26 ... "a band of men whose hearts God had touched." This proved to be most inspiring and beneficial.

58. A cordial welcome was extended by Rev. Mack Hodge who made comments about facilities and gave instructions for the serving of the evening meal.

59. Following his remarks, the combination prayer of benediction and blessing was given by Rev. Paul Crotts.

Those present enjoyed a bounteous and delicious meal.

Friday Evening

Theme: "Together We Advance . . . In Our Associational Work"

60. Special music by an Associational Choir under the direction of Virgil Buff got our last session off to a good start. Their unique presentation of the hymn "Amazing Grace" was so inspirational that the congregation participated in the new rendition.

61. The whole group then joined in singing "I Shall Not Be Moved."

62. Rev. Cecil Buff again presided and called the evening session to order.

63. In presenting the scripture, Rev. Adams read passages from several places in the Old and New Testaments and concluded his remarks with a prayer.

64. Rev. T.A. Lineberger presented the report of the South Mountain Baptist Camp,

and after adoption, he spoke at some length on camp activities and the program followed this summer and the spiritual response of many boys and girls in professions of faith and rededications as well as commitments to full-time Christian service. He urged continuing support for the camp.

65. The Superintendent of Missions, Rev. Thomas Berry, gave his report on his many and varied activities and we were amazed that he was able to do so much since he served on a part-time basis. He offered his services to any church who felt the need of help in any phase of its program. We sincerely appreciate his fine work and willing spirit. His report was most heartily accepted.

66. After moving adoption and being accepted, Rev. Raymond Crook spoke to his report on Evangelism urging us to greater endeavor in behalf of the lost ones.

67. With words of praise for both the physical and spiritual provisions for the needs of all present, the Resolutions Committee voiced the opinion of all of us in expressing gratitude to the host churches and the presiding officers for a good associational meeting. The report as given by Rev. Dennis Whitley was accepted.

68. The Finance Committee report as presented by Rev. Ronald Martin was adopted and received a favorable vote of acceptance.

69. Rev. Staton proceeded to name the Committee on Committees; the Time, Place, and Preacher Committee; and the Resolutions Committee to serve for the coming year. Their names appear with the listing of other committees in the annual.

70. We then heard the report of the Time, Place, and Preacher Committee presented by Mrs. Cecil Buff. Time: October 18 and 19, 1973; Place: Wilkie's Grove and St. John's; Preachers: Missionary Message - Raymond Crook, alternate Harold Dellinger, Doctrinal Message - Paul Crotts, alternate Darrell Pruette.

71. During the Business Session, the following was discussed:

(1) There was no conflict in naming a Music Director as an officer and appointing a music committee. This question was settled by referring to the Constitution.

(2) Upon the recommendation of Rev. Richard Adams, a love offering amounting to $83.60 was taken for Rev. Thomas Berry to help cover expenses for a few days of vacation.

72. While the offering was taken, the group joined in singing "More About Jesus."

73. There were expressions of appreciation for Mrs. Berry, wife of the Superintendent of Missions and to Mrs. Judy Berry for her work as secretary to the Superintendent of Missions. Both have done a good job and deserve our expressions of gratitude.

74. Rev. Richard Adams presented the report of the Nominating Committee and upon his move for acceptance and a favorable vote by the body, the recommendations of the committee were accepted as duly elected and installed officers for the coming year.

75. Appropriate and solemn words were expressed in the memorial thoughts presented by Miss Lucille Upton. The congregation stood in a moment of silent meditation as she read the list of those who have gone from our midst since our last associational meeting. The memorial service was concluded with prayer led by Rev. Edsel Mull.

76. Special music by the choir under the direction of Virgil Buff included the hymn "Lovest Thou Me."

77. For the outstanding job they did throughout the meeting of the association, gratitude was expressed to the musicians, director, and members of the choir. They made a most worthwhile contribution to the program in each and every number.

78. Rev. Ralph Staton gave the moderator's address in which he noted some progress that had been made but more especially reminding us that there still remains

a great deal to be done. The responsibility and privilege of participating and promoting God's Kingdom rests upon each of us. He urged us to accept the challenge and to go forward in an even greater way during the coming year.

79. There was a request for a repeat performance by the quartet of the musical number "Jesus, I Love You." Then we received a bonus in their presentation of the song "That's How I Want the Lord to Find Me."

80. The final benediction was given by Rev. Johnny Smart and because of the good spirit which prevailed, the singing continued and expressions of appreciation and gratitude to God for permission to attend the sessions were voiced as people made their way out of the church to return to their homes.

Reports

AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY

The American Bible Society is an active partner of Southern Baptists in the missionary task of sharing Christ with the whole world - a task which calls for the widest possible distribution of the Scriptures. The Bible speaks to the heart of man. And it is the sole purpose of your American Bible Society to provide this Book to men, women and children, everywhere, in a language they can understand and at a price they can afford.

In the interest of making God's Word more easily understood, the Bible Society is presently engaged in a top-priority project, the translation of the Bible into everyday speech for the major languages, plus many key secondary languages and dialects. Nearly 50 projects now exist, involving languages and dialects spoken by more than 70% of the world's population.

At the present time, 97% of the world population can secure at least a portion (a single Book) in their own lanauage and approximately 3,000 translators are presently at work on some six hundred new translations and revisions. At the close of 1971, at least one Book of the Bible had been published in 1,457 languages and dialects, the complete Bible in 253.

During 1971, the American Bible Society -

- distributed 90,129,921 Scriptures within the United States. This total reflects the continued growth and interest in the use of Scriptures.
- supplied 53% of the 1971 United Bible Societies' World Service Budget, thereby providing over half of the 1971 world distribution total last year, 173 million Scriptures.
- presented Dr. Porter Routh the symbolic 25 millionth copy of "Good News for Modern man". This small all-time best-selling paperback publication is now circulating in over 33 million copies. Other familiar Scripture versions, including King James Version and Revised Standard Version, continue to be published and circulated in large numbers.
- increased distribution of complete Bibles to members of the Armed Services through chaplains, reaching 54,490 copies for an increase of 33.3% over 1970.
- provided 747,131 Scriptures in special formats.
- published the Book of Job in Today's English Version timed to meet the January Bible Study needs of the Southern Baptist Convention.
- distributed through some missionaries of the Southern Baptist Convention over 300,000 Scriptures.

Southern Baptists consider the American Bible Society an essential part of their own world-wide mission program and believe in the missionary importance of giving to the Society.

Resolutions commending the work of the American Bible Society and requesting the churches to contribute to its ongoing support have been adopted by state conventions and by the Southern Baptist Convention.

Through gifts to ABS, Southern Baptist churches have shown their deep and continued interest in providing the Word of God for every man in his own language.

Southern Baptists can lead, even in per capita gifts, if every church will give. The help of every Southern Baptist Church is needed. Has your church given this year?

Respectfully submitted,
Don Morton

SUPERINTENDENT OF MISSIONS REPORT

As we come to the close of another associational year, we look back over the work accomplished with mixed emotions.

During the year we have tried to keep everyone informed as to the happenings in the association and State Convention. Each month THE NEWSETTE has gone to 204 people across the association. I have driven about 19,000 miles this year within the boundaries of our association. I have preached in two revivals in our local churches and have preached in a Mission Advance Meeting in another association. I have served one of our churches this year as interim pastor. I have attended most all the state meetings during the past twelve months.

Perhaps the two most successful accomplishments this year were the Vacation Bible School Clinic and the Lay Evangelism Witnessing School. In the Vacation Bible School Clinic we had a record breaking attendance. There were 162 people present for this.

In the Witnessing School, we had an enrolment of 45. This was led by Rev. Joseph Sanders of Second Baptist Church, Shelby. There are some very promising results still being witnessed from this. I say with all humbleness, the churches who did not participate really missed a blessing.

The sad note of the year is still lack of cooperation. If our attendance at the Associational Meetings is the evidence of our concern, then we are in trouble. The Executive Committee meeting has an average attendance of only about 20. Sunday School and Church Training Clinics have approximately 30 in attendance.

I believe there is a movement of the Holy Spirit in our land such as we have not experienced in many years. The time for revival is now. I believe by standing together as a local church, as an association of churches, as cooperating churches in our Convention, the half has never been seen of what can be accomplished for the Kingdom of God. Standing alone; as individuals, as churches, we will not be able to reach out very far. But if we stand together, together we can share the love of Christ in our Community, County, State, Nation, and around the World.

Respectfully submitted,
Thomas E. Berry
Superintendent of Missions

ASSOCIATIONAL BAPTIST FOUNDATION

The North Carolina Baptist Foundation, Inc., is a charitable corporation. It was chartered on November 24, 1920, under the laws of the State of North Carolina. As a charitable corporation, it and its donors presently have certain tax savings.

It was created by the Convention for the purpose of procuring endowment funds and for administering such funds, for all institutions and agencies, owned and controlled by the Convention. It is independent of the causes it serves, but committed to their best interests. It is not a competitive agency, but a service agency dedicated to the task of undergirding all of our Baptist work.

Any property owner who wishes to do so, Baptist or non-Baptist, resident or non-resident, man or woman, young or old, can use the Baptist Foundation through cash, securities (stocks, bonds, notes, mortgages); real property (farms, woodland, houses, lots); and any and every other kind of property, real or personal. These gifts can be in the form of a living trust, gift annuity, or by bequests in wills.

The Baptist Foundation stands ready at all times to aid individuals in making adequate preparation to use the foregoing methods in providing for any agency or institution fostered by the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, or any of the Southern Baptist Convention agencies or institutions.

When one uses the Baptist Foundation, one is EXTENDING HIS STEWARDSHIP IN PERPETUITY. This can and does bring a great deal of satisfaction and joy to the person who uses the Foundation for this purpose.

Respectfully submitted,
Thomas Berry

BROTHERHOOD

Most Christians seem to be interested in the missionary organizations of the church - but very few are willing to be missionaries. The masses of people will never be reached for Christ until we are willing to accept the MISSION He gave us.

Over the past year efforts have been made to get our men involved in lay-led revivals. Very few had any interest in such revivals. I hope we will RE-CONSIDER this next year. This could be a vital program in any church that would win souls for Jesus Christ. Pray that our churches will organize BROTHERHOODS with the missionary thought of winning souls through lay-witnessing. I will be glad to help any church in an effort to lead their men in such a program. "He that winneth souls is wise". Let us use wisdom in winning the lost for Christ.

Respectfully submitted,
Ronald L. Martin

PROPOSED BUDGET

1972-1973

Missionary Salary	$5,200.00
Missionary Expense	200.00
Missionary Health Benefit	255.00

Missionary Utilities	300.00
Secretary Compensation	300.00
Miscellaneous Supplies	250.00
Machine and Equipment Repair	50.00
Office Equipment	200.00
Postage	125.00
Church Training and M Night	75.00
Sunday School	75.00
W.M.U.	100.00
R.A.	45.00
Minutes	800.00
V.B.S.	100.00
Evangelism	100.00
Brotherhood	25.00
South Mountain Camp	50.00
Church Music	50.00
Clerk's Compensation	150.00
Treasurer's Compensation	125.00
Communication	50.00
Training Leaders at Ridgecrest	300.00
Associational Speaker's Fees	150.00
Telephone	300.00
Missionary Christmas Gift	50.00
TOTAL	$9,425.00

Respectfully submitted,
Ronald Martin
Finance Committee

BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOMES

For the past eighty-seven years, North Carolina Baptists and their Children's Homes have cooperated in a program of Christian child care. This relationship has been characterized, on the part of the agency, by a sensitivity to real needs and a commitment to the best in child care. On the part of North Carolina Baptists, there has been a lasting commitment to child care expressed in generous and enthusiastic support of the agency's ministry.

This annual report finds the agency vigorously pursuing its basic purposes. Changing patterns of family life and the involvement of government in social ministries profoundly affect the number of children needing our care and the types of care needed. More and more we are being asked to serve children with special needs beyond neglect and dependency: emotional alienation from family; trouble with the court, borderline retardation; emotional disturbance which requires professional treatment. The urgency of the present and the challenge of the future is to find effective patterns of care for these children.

The Baptist Children's Homes will not be content to provide minimal care only. We are committed to quality care which serves the whole person, providing the experiences and relationships which can enable the child to develop his full potential. Quality care costs! It makes heavy demands on the individual staff member in his involvement with the child. It requires more staff members for the number of chil-

dren served. It necessitates the purchase of supplementary professional services, such as medical and psychological specialists. But the cost is really an investment in the future of the children served, and we believe it is the best investment of life and money we can make.

The Children's Homes continue to expand and improve its services to children and their families. Two new cottages are under construction at Broyhill Home. The Ten Star Builders' Program is enlisting the support of Eastern North Carolina for Christian child care in that section of the state. Mills Home is engaged in a year-long study to determine how we can best serve the children in the Piedmont Area. Across the state, renewed effort is being given to the enlistment of foster families. Expanded services to families are being initiated.

We believe this ministry of child care deserves the confidence and support of North Carolina Baptists. Our Baptist friends have demonstrated through their interest and support that they believe in what we are doing. The Cooperative Program continues to be the lifeblood of our financial support. The 1971 Thanksgiving Offering channeled $400,000 into our ministry of child care. Special gifts and bequests from individuals continue to provide for capital improvements. We deeply appreciate this generous support, and we pledge ourselves to continue this ministry of child care in the name of Christ and on behalf of North Carolina Baptists.

Respectfully submitted,
R. L. Ball

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

We live in a time when Christian education is a real challenge to people who have a concern for their fellowman.

We are happy to report a very good year for 1971-1972.

First, let us look at the improvements in dollars. Our Educational Institutions received $22,803,445 from the State Convention and the Southern Baptist Convention, an increase of $1,080,523.

Donations, gifts, and grants reached an all time high of $759,717,631 or an increase of $19,165,188 over the previous year.

Next we need to think about the people whose lives were enriched through Christian Education ... Church related vocations volunteers totaled 14,777.

We also report an increase in our seminaries, colleges, and Bible Schools.

The increase is as follows:

Ministerial Students	3,775	increase	307
Home & Foreign Missions	633	increase	182
Church Education Volunteer	1,224	increase	66
Church Music Volunteers	454	increase	109

The program goals for 1972-73 will be to continue to upgrade the placement service and more actively recruit dedicated men and women with the highest qualifications.

A greater emphasis will be placed on discovering qualified Baptist Administrative personnel.

The Commission also will seek to engage more active participation on the part of pastors, students, secretaries, and other convention personnel in finding qualified Baptist teachers.

May I challenge every Southern Baptist not to use the word Christian carelessly. Remember the word Christian means to be Christ-like.

We thank God for our good colleges and Bible Schools, and may we support them in our prayers and offerings.

Respectfully submitted,
Fred Sain

CHURCH TRAINING

"Grow in grace and knowledge of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ". One of the ways to grow is through the Church Training Program of the church. We need to use every opportunity to train ourselves to become more efficient laborers for God.

Our "M" Night meeting was held at Zion Hill. Rev. Wayne Pennell brought the message. A Church Training Leadership Conference was held at Wilkie's Grove Baptist Church in April.

To the churches who do not have Church Training, may we encourage you to begin. Try it ... you'll like it!

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. G. C. Wray

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COOPERATIVE PROGRAM

The Cooperative Program is a part of your tithes and your offerings given through your church. Thus, your dedicated life with a part of your day-to-day labor, goes toward witnessing to a lost world.

The Cooperative Program is sharing your love of God through 6,000 state, home and foreign missionaries. Last year they were instrumental in bringing more than 66,000 people to Christ who in turn followed Him into the waters of baptism.

The Cooperative Program is busy training capable leaders by helping students with scholarships in more than 800 Baptist schools with more than 100,000 pupils around the world.

The Cooperative Program is ministering to the needs of the sick through 21 Baptist hospitals and 105 clinics in many nations. You helped more than 1,000,000 patients last year who could not pay the cost of their care. The Cooperative Program aids in bringing shelter, food, clothing, and other necessities of life to 8,000 homeless children plus more than 2,000 elderly people through Children's Homes and Homes for the Aging throughout the world.

Last year 1,020 Baptist churches in North Carolina increased Co-operative Program giving by 10 percent or more over what they contributed the previous year. Did the church where you serve increase this much?

Will you do two things?

1. Will you lead the church where you serve to make a worthy increase in Co-operative Program giving?
2. Will you pray for your missionaries and other Cooperative Program causes each day?

Respectfully submitted,
T.A. Lineberger

EVANGELISM REPORT

Paul said to young Timothy in 2 Timothy 4:5: "Do the work of an evangelist."

Since evangelism was so important in the days of Paul, we can be sure it is just as important today.

6,000 youth and adults in 425 churches have participated in Lay Evangelism Schools or Pastor's Retreats. 42 churches have had or are going to have schools. Over 2,400 pastors and lay persons attended the Statewide Evangelism Conference last year in Fayetteville. Many speakers challenged pastors to involve their people in evangelism through the local church.

A new week at the North Carolina Baptist Assembly at Southport during June 12-16 was Youth Ministries Week, with inspiration and training in evangelism. Over 600 youth and adults were present for the week. 113 youth made different kinds of public decisions.

About 20,000 youth, pastors, and adult leaders were at the second Statewide Youth Evangelism Night last August at Greensboro. God is working through the youth of today.

Let us all rejoice in the wonderful reports from all over the nation. Let us pray for more people to be saved and more baptisms in the coming year. Pray for our 27 Statewide Evangelism Conferences to be held February 5-7, 1973, at Ovens Auditorium in Charlotte.

Respectfully submitted,
Raymond L. Crook

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Executive Committee of the South Mountain Baptist Association held every regularly scheduled meeting during the past year. Rev. Staton, newly elected moderator, has furnished leadership during the year, but he was well aware of the need for joint effort and greater cooperation among all officers and churches if the work of our Lord is to be promoted and improved. He sought that committment of more active participation from all the churches. During the year, Rev. Berry experienced the loss of his mother and members of the Executive Committee expressed sympathy and condolence to him. Due to no elected leadership for the Sunday School, Rev. Thomas Berry and Fred Sain accepted the responsibility jointly and attended a meeting in Lenoir to gain information and inspiration for this great but beneficial responsibility.

Heads of the various divisions of our church program accepted their responsibility seriously and endeavored to improve the work of our association by publicizing local and state meetings and promoting participation and attendance at meetings outside our own association. Their plea was always for greater cooperation and better attendance so that we might always avail ourselves of opportunities for improvement and more effective witnessing. The activities of the various departments was continually before the whole association through periodic reports and promotional features.

The association, under the leadership of Lee Roy Childers, planned and executed a rather extensive program of recreational activities. Several churches were actively engaged in sports events and the competition was rather keen at times. By having men, women, boys, and girls engaged in Christian sports and athletics, we benefit in many ways and urge the support of churches for future recreational programs.

Rev. Cline announced the State Evangelistic Conference held in Fayetteville on February 7-9 and spoke of the importance and urgency of witnessing in soul-winning. As a result of this conference, he planned to have an associational-wide school in lay witnessing and proceeded to execute his plans by calling in directors and group-

ing the churches for convenient travel distances.

A new item of expense this year was a gift of $50.00 as a Christmas remembrance for the Superintendent of Missions, and the Budget Committee was authorized to designate this amount annually to supplement his salary.

Due to moral conditions of our community and the world, the association sponsored a meeting for the Christian Action League held at Wilkie's Grove.

Our association received the benefit of action sponsored by the Valdese Ministerial Association in appointing Rev. Harvey Laughter of Icard as Chaplain for Valdese General Hospital. Local ministers were asked to register so that they could be contacted when members are hospitalized. Our churches were urged to make contributions to help with expenses. Those who needed hospital care appreciated this added benefit and expressed gratitude for such services.

Members of the Pastors' Conference and lay leaders participated in an intensive study of the book of Job in preparation for local study groups in the various churches.

Several of our churches either lost or replaced their pastors during the year and the missionary was quite busy doing supply work. With the departure of Rev. Cline, a vacancy was left in the area of Evangelism, and this role was assumed by the missionary who preceeded with plans for the schools of lay witnessing.

Rev. Tommy Taylor and Rev. Paul Crotts were nominated for the associational representative on the General Board. When Rev. Taylor left the association, he was replaced by Rev. Raymond Crook in this position. The nomination came from the floor at the Executive Committee Meeting.

Due to ill health, Rev. Ball was forced to resign as chairman of the Nominating Committee, effective April 11. The second person named on the committee rose to the position of chairman and functioned in naming our new slate of officers for the coming year.

Associational leaders in Sunday School and Church Training were privileged to attend the conference at Ridgecrest with finances being assumed by the association. This sort of training for local leaders should greatly improve these two areas of work if we will cooperate and avail ourselves of their training and experience.

Rev. Cecil Buff, vice moderator, presided at one Executive Committee Meeting, and the Association is grateful to Virgil and Flo Buff for their efforts and leadership in the music program for the year.

A special meeting was called to plan the associational program. It was the feeling of those serving that a comprehensive and worthwhile program was outlined for the annual session of the association.

Due to a lack of concern and commitment on the part of lay persons in our churches, the original plans for Schools in Lay Witnessing were cut to one school with about 50 participants. The feeling of those attending and the results in our churches speak favorably of this project and we hope for even greater activity in the future.

The people responsible for various reports were urged to submit them as early as possible for inclusion in the Book of Reports. Expressions of gratitude are in order for Thomas Berry as Missionary and Judy Berry serving as his secretary for the good job they have done in publicizing meetings and activities and producing materials for all phases of our work. They have worked so hard that it has become necessary to replace the associational-owned typewriter. Rev. Berry has been authorized and is in the process of purchasing a new typewriter. We hope this will facilitate their task and we look forward to their continued good work in our behalf.

Respectfully submitted,
Miss Lucille Upton

FOREIGN MISSION

The name of Jesus continues to be proclaimed as Southern Baptists have missionaries in 74 countries. We have about 2,550 missionaries under appointment including 169 missionary associates, and over 125 missionary journeymen, serving two years service overseas. There are 6,045 churches and 5,965 mission points overseas plus 20 hospitals and 661 schools.

The support continues to come from churches of the Southern Baptist Convention through the Cooperative Program, and the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. Increased financial resources are necessary year by year to sustain an ongoing missionary program for Christ. The Lottie Moon Christmas Offering went over the goal of $16 million this year.

Missionary volunteers continue to offer their lives, but the call for missionaries is far greater than can be supplied. At Ridgecrest "Foreign Mission Conference" over 400 young people responded publicly to the invitation to give their life to Christ and mission service. Young people give their lives and look to us for their support as they go out in Christ's name. They want us to pray for them as they labor for our Lord.

Mark 16:15 gives us our Commission ... "And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature". Our way of going is through service and giving to our local church, and the church giving through the Cooperative Program and the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering.

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. Edsel Mull

HOME MISSIONS

God's grace can be appreciated by every Christian as we receive the good news that Home Missions are on the move. Society has changed, yet the basic task of Christianity remains the same, souls for Christ.

We can appreciate the work of Southern Baptists through our Home Mission Board. Our greatest obligation is giving our tithe, time and talent so that the responsibilities that lie ahead might be met. Our Home Missions are needed.

1. Be apostles like Paul. As reported in Acts, the whole group was silent as they heard Barnabas and Paul report all the wonders and miracles that God had done through them.
2. Evangelism. The concern for making men disciples of Jesus Christ.
3. Establishing new churches and missions.
4. Pioneer missions.
5. Metropolitan missions.
6. Rural urban missions.
7. Language Missions.
8. Chaplaincy.

The great days of Home Missions are not in the past. They lie in these dynamic and expanding decades ahead.

Respectfully submitted,
Harold Dellinger

NORTH CAROLINA BAPTIST HOMES FOR THE AGING

In our Baptist Homes for the Aging, we feel that there is no relationship more important and more blessed than the one that we have with our Baptist people in our Baptist Associations throughout the State. It is a special joy to visit personally the Associations and to have fellowship with the good people who mean so much to us in our ministry and to express to them our special thanksgiving. It is with a deep sense of gratitude to the Lord and to you that we bring this report on our Baptist Homes for 1972.

This has been the best year that we have ever had in our twenty-one years. The Special Offering for the Homes and support through the Co-operative Program reflect an encouraging increase. Through these two vital sources, the Homes during the past year derived almost 30% of the total operating budget in the care of the residents and patients, with 20% coming from the offering, and 10% through the Cooperative Program. The most significant fact about this support from our Baptist people is that the majority of the residents in the Homes are persons with real financial needs, and these love gifts are used for their care. In fact, these gifts are a lifeline to the residents, and they could not be maintained without them. The greatest challenge to our Baptist people is to continue to increase the Special Offering from year to year, and thus keep pace with the needs of the residents who depend so greatly on it.

Our Baptist Homes now operate five resident Homes, with two located in Winston-Salem, and one each in Albemarle, Hamilton, and Yanceyville. These Homes have a capacity for 162 residents. In addition, there is a Nursing Care Unit, located in Winston-Salem, with a capacity for 63 patients. In these Homes we specialize in tender loving care and I do not know of any place this side of Heaven, and outside of one's home, where a person can receive more compassionate Christian care.

Of great significance during the past year, in May, was the dedication of the York Wing of the Nursing Care Unit. This wing, accomodating 18 additional patients was completed in November of 1971 and named in honor of Judge and Mrs. William York, of Greensboro. He and Mrs. York gave $30,000.00 for the construction of this new wing, and the additional money needed was raised by the Trustees of the Homes. With this new addition, the Baptist Homes have been able to receive some few persons, on a limited basis only, directly as patients. The majority of the beds in the Nursing Care Unit are used for the residents of the five Homes, when nursing care becomes necessary. We are glad that the base of our operation has been broadened to include a ministry to the aging sick person, and we can only hope that we will move forward and be able to receive more patients in the years ahead.

Ministry to an older person is a direct ministry to Christ and is one of the finest things that North Carolina Baptists are doing. Be glad that you are a Baptist, and be grateful for the part that you are having in making the life of an aging person more abundant and more secure.

Respectfully submitted,
Paul Crotts

BAPTIST HOSPITAL REPORT

The distinctiveness of Baptist Hospital's Ministry lies not alone in its care for charity patients, but also in the type of service it renders to all its patients, and to many other people throughout the state and nation and around the world.

As an academic medical center it is engaged in research and in education as well as direct patient care. The ministry through research is far reaching since new discoveries in medicine offer new hope to people everywhere. The educational ministry also extends around the world, since graduates of the Bowman Gray School of Medicine serves in 88 counties of North Carolina, in 47 states and the District of Columbia, and in 25 different countries. Alumni of the School of Pastoral Care serve in almost every state and in 39 other countries.

The quality of direct patient care provided at Baptist Hospital is distinct in at least two respects: first it is a specialized type of medical care, provided for referal patients who have rare or complicated medical problems, because of the highly skilled specialists in almost every area of medicine, and second the elaborate equipment available only in a large medical center.

The Department of Pastoral Care seeks to minister specifically to the spiritual and emotional needs of patients and their families.

The Baptist Hospital does continue to serve patients who cannot pay for their hospital care, even with the tightening of admission policies and procedures. Only one person in twelve months or one in approximately 17,000 applications for admissions was not helped. In 1971 charitable allowances amounting to $1,370,000 were issued to patients unable to pay in full. The Mother's Day Offering of $371,000 helped make this charity work possible.

The operating deficit has been eliminated and the Hospital is now operating in the black.

The new patient tower is being completed and some departments have already moved into the lower levels. Complete occupation should take place by January, 1973. One additional unit, a two story unit housing the emergency room and outpatient clinic, is scheduled to be completed by 1973. This will conclude the present development program.

A Medical Center ministering with skill and understanding, is not just a letterhead slogan, it is a goal which Baptist Hospital seriously strives to attain.

Respectfully submitted,
John R. Munday

IN MEMORIAM

We understand that the Lord meant by His "Father's house" the whole vast universe, hence his comfort to his disciples becomes clear. "In my Father's house," He said, "are many mansions." Do you suppose that this world is all, or that beyond the veil, even the Christian blessedness and joy experienced in this world, will not be surpassed? We have found a home here. We have found God here. We have learned that it is possible to dwell with God. But this is only one mansion and there are many more. We have entered only the first. There are many more we have not seen. This world is not the whole of the stage on which redemption is to be wrought out. Do not think that death is dissolution to the soul, or that its personal and spiritual relationship to God will be affected by death. If such had been the case He would certainly have told us, and His instruction would have been very different.

The size of one's Heaven is the exact dimensions of his soul. The problem of the hereafter is not the matter of a celestial climate or a beautiful city. It is the problem of the eternal in man. We see in the Risen Christ the end for which man was made, and the assurance that the end is within reach. Christ rose from the grave changed, and yet the same; and in Him we have the pledge and type of our rising. With Christ

having preceeded us and prepared the way, it seems a major tragedy that so many people go through life haunted by the fear of death - only to find when it comes, that it's as natural as life itself. Something strange and beautiful happens to men and women when they come to the end of the road. All fear, all horror disappears. It is all a part of the goodness of nature, and the illimitable goodness of God.

They that love beyond this world cannot be separated by death, for death cannot kill that which never dies. Nor can spirits ever be divided, that love and live in the same divine principle. So as we face death for ourselves, as well as for our loved ones, let us do it without fear and without bitterness, without reluctance and without repinings. May we find it, at the last, but a peaceful transition, an eternal change mercifully accomplished.

We are prone to mourn, when death claims our loved ones, as if all hope were gone and our grief unbearable. It is natural to regreat their passing and remember broken dreams and vanished hopes. But when we remember the cares and toils they endured, and anticipate the place to which they have gone, our feelings should change to rejoicing for they are "not lost, but gone before."

Precious, Oh, how precious is that blessed sleep,
Folded in His bosom, wrapped in slumber deep;
None but Jesus giveth rest so true and sweet
For the weary body and the way-worn feet.

Precious, Oh, how precious, He alone can know
What a blessed respite after human woe;
Only He can measure their eternal gain,
When they leave forever earthly care and pain.

Precious, Oh, how precious, armour here laid down,
Warfare here accomplished, won the victor's crown;
Gained His sweet approval and His welcome smile,
For the patient labor of this little while.

Precious, Oh, how precious, to behold His face,
Ever to be with Him and to praise His grace;
Ah, when Jesus giveth His Beloved sleep,
'Tis the tenderest token of His love so deep.

Anonymous

Respectfully submitted,
Lucille Upton

Our Beloved Dead

Abee's Chapel	Mr. Grady W. Abee Miss Lillie Moody Mr. Ralph Buchanan Mr. Henry Kaylor
Berea	Mrs. Bertha Berry

Beulah	Mrs. Martha H. Blackwood Mr. Arthur Yancey
Corinth	Mrs. Lillian Smawley Mr. Dewitt Hoyle Mr. Nevet Dayberry
Faith Olive	Mrs. Fannie Young
Midway	Miss Dottie Wright
Mt. Gilead	Mrs. Lottie Bell Chapman Mrs. Nettie C. York
Mt. Hebron	Mr. Brady Hildebran Mr. James Drum
Mt. Vernon	Mr. Tommy Lee Mrs. D.C. Upton Mrs. Anna Rinehardt
Mt. Zion	Mrs. Effie Short Mr. James Stidham
Olive Grove	Mr. Randy Parker Mrs. Fannie Scism Deal
Philadelphia	Mrs. Lola Buff
Pleasant Grove	Mr. Schuyler Huffman - deacon Mr. Max Hudson - deacon Mrs. Velvie B. Hudson
St. John's	Mrs. Minnie Hudson
St. Paul	Mrs. Ethel Mead Cook Mrs. Nettie Earl Rev. Seth Ivester - pastor Mrs. Effie Short
Shoup's Grove	Mr. Charlie Taylor
South Fork	Mr. Wesley Propst Mrs. Betty Propst
Walker's Chapel	Mrs. Dora Huffman Mr. Belo Huffman
Zoar	Mrs. Carrie Avalona Whitworth

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

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Vice Moderator ..... Rev. J. Richard Adams
Treasurer ..... Miss Doris Upton
Clerk ..... Miss Lucille Upton
Sunday School Director .....
Church Training Director ..... Rev. G.C. Wray
Brotherhood Director ..... Rev. Ronald Martin
W.M.U. President ..... Mrs. Jesse Fortenberry
R.A. Leader ..... Mr. Ray Melton
Recreation ..... Mr. Lee Roy Childers
Music Director ..... Mr. Virgil Buff
Pianist ..... Mrs. Flo Buff
Historian ..... Mrs. Vassie Hoyle
Public Morals and Temperance ..... Mr. Russell Huffman
Christian Education ..... Mr. Michael Staton
Foreign Missions ..... Rev. Raymond Crook
State Missions ..... Rev. Dennis Whitley
Home Missions ..... Rev. Harold Ward
Cooperative Program ..... Rev. Edsel Mull
Hospital ..... Rev. Harold Dellinger
S.B.C. Annuity ..... Rev. R.L. Ball
Religious Literature ..... Rev. Paul Robinson
Christian Stewardship ..... Mr. Cecil Cook
Obituaries ..... Mrs. Adene Hicks
Children's Homes ..... Mr. Fred Sain
Homes for the Aging ..... Rev. Darrell Pruette

Rev. J. Richard Adams, Chairman
Mr. Fred Sain
Mr. Cecil Cook
Mr. Russell Huffman

PUBLIC MORALS AND TEMPERANCE

The organized forces of evil have become very agressive. The liquor and alcoholic beverage industries are using the public press, radio, television, and every other means known to the art of deceitfulness to break down public resistance to their racket. It is becoming increasingly hard for Christian people to influence legislation affecting public morals, and the number of dope pushers and users is growing every day.

Surely the whole trouble stems from a practical disbelief in God. When people are sure that God is, and that he is a holy and righteous God to whom we are accountable, we have respect for the common morals which this belief undergirds.

We are forced to the conclusion that Christian people must themselves first clean house, and strive to measure up to the high moral and ethical standards of the gospel of our Lord. If Christian people will do two things we can exercise an influence proportionate to our numbers. If we will first of all ask and answer by our conduct the question: "What will Christ have me do in every situation and relationship?" And

then if we will "Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all long suffering and doctrine," we can surely raise the moral standards of our nation. And if we do not do it, the judgment of God is upon us. "And I sought for a man among them, that should make up the hedge, and stand in the gap before me for the land, that I should not destroy it; but I found none." (Ezek. 22:30)

Respectfully submitted,
Mack Hodge

RELIGIOUS LITERATURE

This past year has been a very good one for the BIBLICAL RECORDER. The RECORDER has grown in circulation - nearing the 100,000 mark. This growth occurred because churches and individuals have worked to reach this goal. When the 100,000 goal is reached, new ones will be set as part of the continuing effort to put the RECORDER in every Baptist home in North Carolina. Because of the growing circulation, the RECORDER went to computer system this year also.

Not only in circulation progress, but in other ways this has been a good year for the RECORDER. Woodrow W. Hill, well-known pastor and writer, joined the RECORDER as field representative. He will be speaking in associations, churches, pastors' conferences, and other meetings all over the state as he does his part in carrying the RECORDER message to every corner of North Carolina.

As it has in the past, the RECORDER attempts to keep North Carolina Baptists informed on important issues. The editor and his staff need our prayers as they seek to be good stewards to North Carolina Baptists. If your church does not have the RECORDER in the budget, or if it does not have a club at all, please take the leadership in seeing that this situation is corrected.

The BIBLICAL RECORDER will be 140 years old next January 18. Those responsible for its publication each week recommit themselves to this important ministry of the printed word.

The Biblical Recorder is only one of a great variety of publications which inform and enlighten Baptists on our entire denominational program. We encourage the reading and use of all information to promote every activity and arouse interest and support from every Christian in good literature, training, and doctrinal instruction.

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. Gary Starnes

REPORT OF THE RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

The Resolutions Committee, first of all, would like to express assurance to each and every member of each church that belongs to the South Mountain Association that Almighty God above has heard your prayers and He has wonderfully blessed our association in a marvelous way.

We, The Resolutions Committee, would like to express our thanks and appreciation for your continual prayers and support as WE as Southern Baptists strive to make The South Mountain Association "The Ever Extended Arm of God" that the Lord would have it to be. We've seen great things happen in our churches because the Saints of God were concerned enough to lay everything on the altar and let God have

His own way. Preachers, teachers, deacons, directors, and all members, let US work and strive harder this coming year to accomplish greater and better things through the power of The Holy Spirit and the cleansing Blood of Jesus Christ.

Many thanks to the pastors and members of the Zoar Baptist Church and also Abee's Chapel Baptist Church for their fine hospitality in this annual meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Dennis Whitley

ANNUITY BOARD REPORT

The Annuity Board paid out 25 per cent more in benefits to 7,500 annuitants last year than their contracts required. Called "13th Checks," these extra benefits were paid twice in the year - 8 1/3 per cent in February and another 16 2/3 per cent in December.

The Board, in its 54 years of existence, had paid out benefits that total $92.1 million, including over $10 million during 1971.

During the administration of R. Alton Reed, the Annuity Board eliminated its "unfunded liability" - which meant that potential claims for benefits exceeded assets. The Board is now in a position not only to fully meet every outstanding contract with members, but to grant Good Experience Credit as well.

The Annuity Board offers a protection plan for disability, death, and retirement to cover every pastor, church staff member, and denominational agency employee. Many churches help by paying in full the dues for their pastor and staff.

As Budget Time draws near, not only should salaries get careful review, but various benefits which are routine in business and industry should be considered. And let's not make the mistake of considering all those "benefits" as actual cash income. A church should provide adequate housing, travel, and auto expense, hospital and life insurance, retirement plans and convention expense, among other provisions.

Retirement contributions may be made on the full salaries of pastors and other personnel by taking advantage of Plans B and C as well as Plan A. Information on the Annuity Board may be secured by writing its development office, 511 North Akard Building, Dallas, Texas 75201, or by contacting the Annuity Board representative of your Baptist State Convention.

In South Mountain Association 11 of the 32 churches and 12 staff members are enrolled in the Protection Program.

"Pastors who do their work well should be paid well and should be highly appreciated, especially those who work hard at both preaching and teaching".
(I Timothy 5:17, Living Bible)

Respectfully submitted,
Robert L. Berry

SOUTH MOUNTAIN BAPTIST CAMP

Your camp is being used more and more each year! Late in the fall of 1971 and early in the spring of 1972 church groups came for retreats.

The increasing popularity of your camp prompted us to begin early to prepare for

more campers. Repairing cabins, building bunk beds, drilling another well, etc., enabled us to take care of the overflow crowds that came.

Including the staff, our average attendance was 217 each week. 4,000 attended some kind of organized activity and hundreds came to visit our services. Including retreats and special groups there were 414 attending from your association.

Our theme for the summer was "Listening to God". We had a staff of 25-30 dedicated young people who were very helpful in our camp program. Bible study, worship, mission study, and study for advancement helped campers to have a deep experience with God. 1,385 made a decision for Christ: 323 professions of faith, 46 commitments for full time Christian service, and 1,016 rededications. Word has been received from a number of churches that their entire church was blessed when campers shared with them their camp experiences. Our mission emphasis made the campers aware that every Christian has a responsibility to share Christ with the whole world.

Our staff, under the direction of Mrs. Rhea L. Ross, developed into a touring choir. We led worship services in 19 churches in which were made over 250 decisions for Christ. We were unable to accept all the requests by the churches.

We deposited $36,000.00 into the general camp treasury. This was several thousand dollars more than it took to operate the camp. However, we urgently need the support from churches to enable us to make improvements, build a caretakers home, build a chapel, and finish paying for our bus. Many churches who learn of the way the Lord is using your camp are putting us in their budget.

Respectfully submitted,
T.A. Lineberger, Director

STATE MISSIONS REPORT

The churches are on mission to people under the Lordship of Christ - Matthew 28:19-20; Acts 1:8. Churches in a cooperative plan express their mission beyond the local congregation. State Missions is interrelated by planning and financing with associations, the State Convention, Home and Foreign Mission Boards. There is a ministry of State Missions expressed within the local church in Evangelism, Church Programs, and Stewardship Promotion. State Missions is Christian Social Service expressed through institutions. State Missions is churches expressing a positive interest in Christian Education.

State Missions is a multiplicity of special ministries too big for any one local church. These ministries to areas of need may be altogether supported by State Missions budgeting, or a cooperative budgeting arrangement of the local church, the association, the State Convention, and the Home Mission Board. Such specialized ministries include work at Cherokee and Pembroke, promotion and coordination of World Mission Conferences, support of part-time Chaplaincies in several correctional institutions, assistance in witnessing to and enlisting for service Orientals and Spanish speaking peoples. A specialized ministry to the deaf includes evangelizing, teaching and counselling the deaf.

Also included is a cooperative plan for Seminary extension and a rapidly growing Resort Ministry. Fruitland Baptist Institute is an area of State Missions. Our cities need Baptist Centers and other expressions of Christian social and evangelistic concern. State Missions promotes and supports a vigorous ministry in the inner city. State Missions continues a specialized ministry with other races.

State Missions serves the pastor and local church. New churches are encouraged by loans and grants of lot aid. Needy churches are given financial aid until they can become self-supporting. Pastors are directly helped through Annuity supplements.

State Missions is a cooperative ministry by the churches to people who need God and other churches that need help.

Respectfully submitted,
Paul Robinson

CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP

People! People! People! Reaching them with the good news about Jesus Christ is what church budgets, the Cooperative Program, missions, and Christian Stewardship is all about. A huge number of persons are waiting to hear the gospel for the first time. These people around the world depend on the stewardship of Missionary Baptists if they are to hear the gospel.

It would be wise for us to consider first of all that stewardship, like Christianity itself, begins at home. If we fail in the home land, we will be engulfed by paganism.

Paganism, Communism, call it what you may, people need to know about Jesus. It is your responsibility and our responsibility to be good stewards of the Lord wherever we are.

In order to be faithful stewards of the Lord, we must remove self out of the way and commit ourselves, our talents, and our tithe completely to God to be used by Him.

An old Rabbi led a rich but miserly man to a window. "Look out there," he said. "Tell me what you see."

"People", answered the rich man.

Then the Rabbi led him to a mirror. "What do you see now?" he asked.

"I see myself," answered the man.

The Rabbi replied: "In the window there is glass; in the mirror there is glass. But the glass of the mirror is covered with a little silver. No sooner is a little silver added than you cease to see others and see only yourself."

People! Let's remove self out of the way, put the silver where it belongs, and be faithful stewards of the Lord.

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. Carrell Pruette

SUNDAY SCHOOL

The time has come again when we stop to look back at another year of Sunday School work.

One of the most important tasks in our church work is the Bible Teaching Program that only comes through our Sunday School.

I really don't know how much progress has been made this year. However, I do know that some of our people have made themselves available for more knowledge of how to witness and win others to the Lord Jesus Christ.

One of the outstanding events in our association this year was the Lay Witnessing School conducted at Mt. Hebron Baptist Church.

I would like to list 5 basic elements that I think would help us to have a greater Sunday School:

1. Committment to Christ
2. Find People
3. Prepare to teach people
4. Witness to the Lost
5. Involve new converts

Committment involves the whole person, the possibility of victory over sin and the indwelling of the Holy Spirit.

We have 70,000 Sunday School officers and teachers in our state, and we only gained 3,000 new pupils last year. This should speak to every Christian. Let us ask ourselves an honest question ... Are we doing all we can to win people to the Lord and enroll them in a Bible Teaching Program?

One thing I am deeply concerned about now is 'have we gained or lost in our association in the past year?'

Last year we had enrolled	4,598
Average Attendance	2,977
This year we have enrolled	4,491
Average Attendance	3,101

We are sure that the person-to-person approach is the best way to try to win people to the Lord.

The Scripture clearly teach that every Christian is called a witness, and is called upon to witness.

Respectfully submitted,
Fred Sain

TIME, PLACE, AND PREACHER COMMITTEE

1973 Session will be held on Thursday and Friday after the second Sunday in October (October 18 and 19).

First Day - Wilkie's Grove Baptist Church
Rev. Raymond Crook - Missionary Message
Rev. Harold Dellinger - Alternate

Second Day - St. John's Baptist Church
Rev. Paul Crotts - Doctrinal Message
Rev. Darrell Pruette - Alternate

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. Cecil Buff
Mrs. Ronald Martin
Mrs. Ralph Staton

FINANCIAL REPORT

September 1, 1971 to August 31, 1972

Balance On Hand 9-1-71	$ 598.76	
RECEIPTS:		
Baptist State Convention	1,085.00	
Miscellaneous	1,136.82	
Abee's Chapel	175.00	
Berea	275.01	
Beulah	148.75	
Carswell Memorial	150.00	
Corinth	193.75	
Faith Olive	6.25	
Grace & Truth	18.75	
Hildebran View	10.00	
Midway	20.00	
Mt. Calvary	10.00	
Mt. Gilead	18.00	
Mt. Hebron	291.25	
Mt. Vernon	287.50	
Mt. Zion	15.00	
Mull's Chapel	35.00	
Oak Ridge	298.00	
Olive Grove	26.25	
Philadelphia	15.00	
Pisgah	75.00	
Pleasant Grove	30.00	
St. John's	40.00	
St. Paul	31.25	
Shoup's Grove	278.75	
Smart's Grove	25.00	
South Fork	600.30	
Tabernacle	28.75	
Walker's Chapel	20.00	
Wilkie's Grove	1,379.97	
Zion Hill	553.28	
Zoar	15.00	
Total Receipts	7,292.63	
Balance on Hand Plus Receipts	7,891.39	

EXPENSES:		Budgeted
Missionary's Salary	2,800.00	(2,800.00)
Missionary's Expense	200.00	(200.00)
Missionary's Health Benefit	255.00	(255.00)
Missionary's Utilities	200.00	(200.00)
Secretary's Compensation	300.00	(300.00)

Miscellaneous Supplies (paper, films, posters, etc.)	230.03	(160.00)
Machine & Equipment Repair	5.16	(50.00)
Postage	93.53	(125.00)
Church Training & M Night	25.00	(50.00)
Sunday School	25.00	(50.00)
W. M. U.	100.00	(100.00)
R. A.	8.40	(45.00)
Minutes	315.30	(800.00)
V. B. S.	50.28	(70.00)
Evangelism	116.65[3]	(100.00)
Brotherhood		(25.00)
South Mountain Camp	50.00	(50.00)
Church Music	16.00	(50.00)
Clerk's Compensation	150.00	(150.00)
Treasurer's Compensation	125.00	(125.00)
Communications	4.50	(50.00)
Training Leaders at Ridgecrest	248.00[3]	(300.00)
Associational Speakers Fees	50.00	(150.00)
Telephone	196.76	(300.00)
Miscellaneous	992.47	
Recreation	30.00	
Missionary Christmas Gift	50.00	
TOTAL EXPENSE	$6,637.08	
Balance on Hand 9-1-72	$1,304.31	

NUMBER EXPLANATIONS

1. Funds received after this date will be shown on 1972-1973 report.

2. Includes receipt and transmittal of funds for Rev. Seth Ivester Memorial ($881.72)

3. Sale of materials and partial reimbursements are included in miscellaneous receipts.

Respectfully submitted,
Doris Upton, Treasurer

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

The first concern of Woman's Missionary Union is to help a church fulfill its mission. Woman's Missionary Union is one of the five church program organizations. It works hand in hand with Sunday School, Church Training, Brotherhood, and Music

Ministry. Each one has its own special and important task.

The Woman's Missionary Union Theme for the year of 1971-72 was "Living the Spirit of Christ in Expectancy and Creativity". The hymn for the year was "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name", and the watchword was "All will openly proclaim that Jesus Christ is the Lord to the Glory of God the Father" (Phil. 2:11 TEV).

Woman's Missionary Union today is entrusted with a vital role in world missions. We want to set our aim to teach missions, to share the story of the gospel, to pray, and to give.

Christ said, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." (Mark 16:15) Let us pray that His will may be done in each of our lives.

There is so much work to be done in our association, less than half of the churches have a WMU program reported of any kind. We seem so disinterested and uninvolved.

But plans are already being made for the great Giant Step, which we will be hearing more about in the next two years.

We urge that all Woman Missionary Unions' get to work on this Giant Step program, in which each one brings one, cultivates one, and enlists all ladies of all our churches and just see how many can be enlisted for Christ in this mission program.

Seven associational WMU leaders attended the State WMU Workshop for leaders at Fruitland the last of August. We are at the services of any of the churches who need any assistance in any mission program organization.

They are as follows:

Mrs. Martha Cole	Mission Friends
Mrs. Nancy Clay	Girls In Action
Mrs. Verona McNeilly	Acteens
Mrs. Frances Melton	Baptist Young Women
Mrs. Mavis Fortenberry	WMU Directors
Mrs. Eva Wilson	Baptist Women

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. Verona McNeilly

Church Directory

CHURCH ORGANISTS AND/OR PIANISTS

Abee's Chapel ..... Debbra Lowman, Rt. 1, Box 132, Valdese 28690
Berea ..... Mrs. Virgil Buff, Box 462, Hildebran 28637
Beulah ..... Mrs. Anna Martha Young, Rt. 3, Vale 28168
Carswell Memorial ..... Mrs. Reba Berry, Rt. 4, Box 234, Morganton 28655
Corinth ..... Mrs. Ruby Short, Rt. 1, Box 12, Casar 28020
Drowning Creek ..... Mrs. Floyd Decker
Faith Olive ..... Mrs. Dale Oldham, Rt. 8, Box 517, Hickory 28601
Grace and Truth .....
Hildebran View ..... Mrs. Abbie Shook, Rt. 1, Box 277A, Connelly Springs 28612
Hoyle Memorial ..... Sanford Burns, Valdese 29690
Midway ..... Mrs. Cathy Eckard, 3379 14th Ave. S.W., Hickory 28601
Mt. Calvary ..... Sherry Lail, Rt. 1, Connelly Springs 28168
Mt. Gilead ..... Wanda Mull, Rt. 1, Connelly Springs 28612

Mt. Hebron ..... Mrs. Ailene Abernathy, Rt. 3, Box 770, Conn. Spr. 28612
Mt. Vernon ..... Cheryl Ann Jenks, Rt. 2, Box 323, Vale 28168
Mt. Zion ..... Libby Angel, Rt. 1, Casar 28020
Mull's Chapel ..... Mrs. Addie McClurd, 813 Rostan St. S.E., Valdese 28690
Oak Ridge ..... Mrs. Lydia Pierce
Olive Grove ..... Mrs. Eva Walker, Rt. 1, Casar 28020
Philadelphia ..... Mrs. Marilyn Brittain, Rt. 1, Connelly Springs 28612
Pisgah ..... Mrs. Gerald Norman, Rt. 1, Casar 28020
Pleasant Grove ..... Norma Jean Martin, Rt. 1, Box 225, Connelly Spr. 28612
St. John's ..... Sylvia Willis, Rt. 4, Hickory 28601
St. Paul ..... Bentha Cook, Rt. 1, Casar 28020
Shoup's Grove ..... Linda Kiser, Box 89, Icard 28666
Smart's Grove ..... Barbara Tallent, Rt. 1, Connelly Springs 28612
South Fork ..... Mrs. Barbara Hollar
Tabernacle ..... Marie Towery, Rt. 1, Lawndale 28090
Walker's Chapel ..... Mrs. Blaka Bradley, Rt. 4, Morganton 28655
Wilkie's Grove ..... Donna Proctor, Rt. 4, Hickory 28601
Zion Hill ..... Mrs. Frank Hicks, Rt. 3, Lawndale 28090
Zoar ..... Mrs. Sherrill Chapman, Rt. 1, Casar 28020

ORDAINED MINISTERS

Abee's Chapel ..... Ralph Abee, Rt. 1, Connelly Springs 28612
Tarp Buchanan, Gen. Del., Hildebran 28637
Wayne Floyd, Rt. 1, Connelly Springs 28612
Berea ..... Paul Robinson, Rt. 3, Box 506, Connelly Springs 28612
Thomas Berry, Box 306, Connelly Springs 28612
Drowning Creek ..... Elwood Caulder, Rt. 3, Box 181, Conover
Grace and Truth ..... George Wilkie, 319 W. 15th St., Newton 28658
Mt. Calvary ..... Harold Kanupp, Rt. 1, Connelly Springs 28612
Stanley Brittain, Rt. 1, Connelly Springs 28612
Julius Hildebran, Rt. 1, Connelly Springs 28612
Mt. Vernon ..... Ford Houser, Rt. 2, Vale 28168
David C. Wesson, Rt. 2, Vale 28168
Olive Grove ..... Tonnie Hull, Rt. 1, Casar 28020
Hansel Bryant, Valdese 28690
St. Paul ..... R.A. Brackett, Rt. 3, Lawndale 28090
Shoup's Grove ..... James Powell, Jr., Icard 28666
Smart's Grove ..... M.M. Smart, Rt. 1, Connelly Springs 28612
John Smart, Rt. 1, Box 347, Connelly Springs 28612
John Abee, Rt. 1, Connelly Springs 28612
Zion Hill ..... T.A. Lineberger, Rt. 1, Connelly Springs 28612
Zoar ..... J.C. Spake, Rt. 1, Casar 28020

LICENSED MINISTERS

Hoyle Memorial ..... Clyde Price, Rt. 3, Lawndale 28090
Midway ..... Lex Wright, Rt. 8, Box 646, Hickory 28601
Olive Grove ..... Donald E. Morrison, Rt. 3, Lawndale 28090
St. John's ..... Jinks Brittain, Rt. 1, Connelly Springs 28612
St. Paul ..... Roy Hasting, Rt. 3, Lawndale 28090

Shoup's Grove ..... Clyde Houston, Icard 28666
Smart's Grove ..... Clarence Hildebran, Rt. 1, Connelly Springs 28612
South Fork ..... Charles R. Jones, 407 26th St., S.W., Hickory 28601
Wilkie's Grove ..... Michael Staton, Rt. 4, Box 470, Hickory 28601

SPECIAL NOTES

Carswell Memorial has improved the driveway and has carpeted and refinished the floor of the sanctuary.

On August 27, 1972 Corinth Church dedicated their new educational building and Fellowship Hall.

During the year Drowning Creek Church carpeted their sanctuary.

Two new deacons were ordained in Hoyle Memorial Church. They were Vasco Price and Estes Shoup.

Mount Calvary increased their facilities by the addition of new Sunday School rooms.

Mount Vernon is completing the landscaping of their church grounds and cemetery.

St. John's ordained three new deacons and purchased additional land.

St. Paul

Carpet was installed in the sanctuary of Zoar Baptist Church.

TABLE A CHURCH MEMBERSHIP AND OTHER INFORMATION 1972

Association: SOUTH MOUNTAIN
State: NORTH CAROLINA
Associational Clerk: MISS LUCILLE UPTON
Address: Rt. 2, Box 321 City: Vale State: North Carolina Zip: 28168

CHURCHES	PASTORS & ADDRESSES	County	Year organized as a church	Location (Key: 1–Open Country; 2–Village (under 500 pop.); 3–Town (500-2499); 4–Small City (2500-9,999); Med. City (10,000-49,999); 5–Downtown; 6–Neighborhood; 7–Suburban; Large City (50,000 or more); 8–Downtown; 9–Neighborhood; 0–Suburban)	Services held twice on Sunday? Y	Services held twice on Sunday? N	Total Baptisms	Other additions (by letter, statement, etc.)	Members lost (by letter, death, statement, etc.)	Present resident members	Present nonresident members	Grand total present members	No. members received from non-Baptist Churches	No. members lost to non-Baptist Churches	Value of pastor's home if owned by the church	Value of church property including pastor's home	Total church debt at end of this associational year
			1	2	3		4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	16	17	18
Abee's Chapel	Nack Hodge, Box 157, Valdese 28690	Burke	1886	1	x		16	2	12	337	35	372	0	0	40000	110000	0
Berea		Burke	1947	1	x		17	10	25	366	22	388	2	1	20000	146500	60700
Beulah	Darrell Pruette, Rt. 3, Vale 28168	Catawba	1905	1		x	0	4	3	85	75	160	0	1	0	50000	0
Carswell Memorial	G. C. Wray, Rt. 2, Box 338, Valdese 28655	Burke	1938	1		x	6	3	5	119	8	127	1	3	0	62000	0
Corinth	Cecil Buff, Box 576, Lawndale 28090	Cleveland	1884	1		x	20	8	4	258	34	292	2	0	0	75000	0
Drowning Creek	Roy Craig, Catawba Ave., Rhodhiss 28667	Burke	1952	1	x		2	16	6	20	24	44	0	0	0	20000	0
Faith Olive	Hugh C. Bolick, Rt. 4, Box 254C, Hickory 28601	Catawba	1965	1	x		9	1	3	46	45	91	0	0	0	30000	4400
Grace and Truth		Burke	1955	1	x		2	3	11	22	20	42	0	0	0	5000	0
Hildebran View	Stanley Brittain, Rt. 1, Connelly Springs 28612	Burke		1	x		0	3	0	45	0	45	0	0	0	10000	900
Hoyle Memorial	Toney Hull, Rt. 1, Casar 28020	Cleveland	1967	1	x		0	6	0	31	5	36	0	0	0	12000	800
Midway	Grady McCurry, Rt. 4, Box 837 E, Hickory 28601	Burke	1956	1	x		11	7	4	174	0	174	0	0	8000	35000	0
Mount Calvary	Mack Annas, 189 Walt Arney Rd., Lenoir 28645	Burke	1952	1	x		5	1	3	122	1	123	0	0	0	20000	0
Mount Gilead	Ottis Cook, Rt. 1, Casar 28020	Burke	1830	1		x	6	0	3	95	48	143	1	0	0	20000	0
Mount Hebron	Raymond Crook, Rt. 3, Box 702, Conn. Spr. 28612	Burke	1870	1		x	0	5	13	226	89	315	0	0	8000	43000	0
Mount Vernon	Paul Crotts, Rt. 3, Vale 28168	Lincoln	1840	1	x		17	2	5	246	80	326	1	1	12000	130000	2460
Mount Zion	Z. W. Settlemyer, Box 296, Cherryville 28021	Cleveland	1848	1		x	1	0	2	49	136	185	0	1	0	12000	0
Mull's Chapel	J. Richard Adams, Rt. 1, Box 149 A, Conn. Sp. 28612	Catawba	1871	1		x	10	1	2	109	25	134	0	0	16000	50000	2025
Oak Ridge	Edsel Mull, Rt. 2, Box 1040, Conn. Sp. 28612	Burke	1943	1		x	9	13	5	179	104	283	0	0	30000	130000	0
Olive Grove	Robert Beck, Rt. 1, Casar 28020	Cleveland	1884	1		x	4	2	6	187	74	261	0	0	25000	60000	8674
Philadelphia	Harold Ward, Rt. 1, Connelly Springs 28612	Burke	1952	1		x	6	7	1	85	65	150	0	0	0	60000	6875
Pisgah	H. B. Dellinger, Rt. 1, Casar 28020	Cleveland	1840	1		x	0	1	5	158	28	186	0	0	12000	75000	0
Pleasant Grove	John H. Smart, Rt. 1, Box 347, Conn. Sp. 28612	Burke	1876	1		x	4	0	4	113	13	126	0	0	0	35000	0
Saint John's	Andy Mead, Rt. 1, Connelly Springs 28612	Burke	1842	1		x	3	1	3	161	16	177	0	0	25000	75000	2590
Saint Paul	Kenneth Simpson, Rt. 1, Casar 28020	Cleveland	1860	1	x		4	8	7	240	219	459	0	0	25000	60000	8279
Shoup's Grove	Dennis Whitley, Box 240, Icard 28666	Burke	1892	1	x		34	16	8	280	20	300	0	0	25000	125000	46900
Smart's Grove	Finley McCoury, Rt. 3, Box 855, Conn. Sp. 28612	Burke	1935	1		x	11	3	0	128	38	166	0	0	40000	100000	11003
South Fork	R. L. Ball, Rt. 4, Box 785, Hickory 28601	Burke	1937	1		x	13	3	5	119	51	170	1	0	15000	70000	0
Tabernacle	John Glover, Rt. 1, Casar 28020	Cleveland	1969	1		x	0	1	11	16	0	16	0	0	0	8000	0
Walker's Chapel	Harold Kanupp, Rt. 1, Connelly Sp. 28612	Burke	1915	1		x	6	0	9	95	0	95	0	0	0	10000	0
Wilkie's Grove	Ralph Staton, Rt. 4, Box 470, Hickory 28601	Burke	1896	1	x		1	3	2	226	35	261	0	0	20000	165000	32720
Zion Hill	Ronald Martin, Rt. 3, Lawndale 28090	Cleveland	1859	1	x		15	2	3	265	58	323	0	0	25000	100000	0
Zoar	Carrell Pruette, Rt. 2, Box 265B, Granite Falls 28630	Cleveland	1937	1		x	2	4	4	68	37	105	0	1	0	60000	0
	TOTALS				14	18	232	136	174	4670	1405	6075	8	8	346000	1963500	183326

TABLE B THE SUNDAY SCHOOL 1972

Association: SOUTH MOUNTAIN

State: NORTH CAROLINA

Associational Sunday School Director

Address City State Zip

CHURCHES	SUNDAY SCHOOL DIRECTORS & ADDRESSES	45 Preschool enrolment (5 years and under—not in school)	46 Children enrolment (6-11 years or grades 1-6)	47 Youth enrolment (12-17 years or grades 7-12)	48 Young Adult enrolment (18-29 years or H.S. graduation to 29 Years)	49 Adult enrolment (30-59 years or 30 to retirement)	50 Senior Adult enrolment (60 and over or retirement and over)	51 Adults Away enrolment	52 Homebound Units enrolment	53 General officers enrolment	54 Enrolment of mission(s) of church	55 Total ongoing Sunday School enrolment	56 Average weekly Sunday School attendance	57 Number of Bible Study Fellowship classes	57 Bible Study Fellowship enrolment	58 Bible conference projects enrolment	59 Weekday Bible study enrolment	60 Church V. B. S. enrolment	60 Mission V. B. S. enrolment	60 Total V. B. S. enrolment
Abee's Chapel	Lester Crawford, Rt. 1, Box 42, Valdese 28690	44	35	48	45	47	80	0	0	20	0	319	244	0	0	0	0	118	0	118
Berea	Charlie Townsend, Rt. 3, Box 506, Connelly Springs 28612	64	67	55	81	66	21	0	7	3	0	364	165	0	0	0	0	149	0	149
Beulah	Evan Rhoney, Rt. 3, Vale 28168	8	9	16	11	16	10	2	0	13	0	85	70	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Carswell Memorial	Henry Carswell, Rt. 4, Box 248X, Morganton 28655	10	14	18	24	33	10	0	0	3	0	112	73	1	20	0	0	94	0	94
Corinth	Leonard Newton, Rt. 1, Casar 28020	30	35	40	58	51	0	0	0	0	0	214	157	0	0	0	0	59	0	59
Drowning Creek	Lawrence McDaris	5	4	5	0	12	4	0	0	5	0	35	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Faith Olive	Richard Oldham, Rt. 8, Box 517, Hickory 28601	27	15	16	20	8	0	0	0	0	0	86	50	0	0	0	0	66	0	66
Grace and Truth	Willie Van Horn, Box 466, Hildebran 28637	2	7	10	6	11	2	0	0	3	0	41	31	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hildebran View	Glenn Shook, Rt. 1, Box 277A, Connelly Springs 28612	3	3	9	1	6	0	1	1	6	0	30	30	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hoyle Memorial	Robert Hoyle, Rt. 3, Lawndale 28090	8	12	5	4	8	3	0	0	0	0	40	40	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Midway	Lex Wright, Rt. 8, Box 646, Hickory 26601	11	7	15	11	35	21	0	0	3	0	103	73	0	0	0	0	72	0	72
Mount Calvary	Arthur Franklin, Rt. 1, Connelly Springs 28612	5	15	20	10	25	4	0	0	0	0	79	65	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mount Gilead	Walter Smith, Rt. 1, Connelly Springs 28612	10	12	12	13	14	14	0	0	7	0	82	69	0	0	0	0	55	0	55
Mount Hebron	James Bradley, Rt. 3, Connelly Springs 28612	51	58	48	33	74	0	0	0	3	0	267	149	0	0	0	0	129	0	129
Mount Vernon	Vester Shull, Rt. 3, Vale 28168	19	27	35	22	64	17	0	7	7	0	198	121	0	0	27	0	82	0	82
Mount Zion	Richard C. Anderson, Rt. 1, Casar 28020	7	4	6	8	10	9	0	0	0	0	44	40	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mull's Chapel	Ernest Rhoney, Rt. 1, Connelly Springs 28612	9	22	31	19	24	10	0	0	0	0	115	86	0	0	0	0	74	0	74
Oak Ridge	Robert Childers, Rt. 2, Connelly Springs 28612	35	55	44	21	47	18	0	0	5	0	225	145	0	0	0	0	192	0	192
Olive Grove	Mr. Hazel Walker, Rt. 1, Casar 28020	15	32	29	13	69	0	0	0	3	0	161	112	0	0	0	0	71	0	71
Philadelphia	Alvin Brittain, 1011 30th St., SW Hickory 29601	22	17	9	21	22	6	0	0	5	0	102	90	0	0	0	0	46	0	46
Pisgah	Gene Canipe, Rt. 1, Casar 28020	16	13	26	14	20	17	0	0	3	0	109	76	0	0	0	0	51	0	51
Pleasant Grove	Carl W. Powell, Rt. 4, Box 312A, Morganton 28655	15	30	15	20	30	10	0	0	0	0	120	90	1	30	0	0	73	0	73
Saint John's	Donald Hoyle, Rt. 7, Box 444, Hickory 28601	26	11	18	21	24	27	0	0	0	0	127	92	0	0	0	0	69	0	69
Saint Paul	Marion Benfield, Rt. 1, Casar 28020	9	14	20	40	68	25	0	0	4	0	180	110	0	0	0	0	49	0	49
Shoup's Grove	Joe Crotts, Rt. 1, Box 39, Connelly Springs 28612	46	65	41	9	104	5	1	0	6	0	277	145	0	0	0	0	175	0	175
Smart's Grove	R. E. Moses, Rt. 1, Connelly Springs 28612	11	19	12	23	44	10	0	0	1	0	120	75	0	0	0	0	74	0	74
South Fork	John Munday, 407 26th St., SW Hickory 28601	33	23	15	50	20	0	0	0	4	0	145	90	1	15	0	0	70	0	70
Tabernacle	Larky Hudson, Rt. 3, Lawndale 28090	0	4	4	1	5	2	0	0	0	0	16	16	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Walker's Chapel	Shub Carswell, Rt. 4, Box 359C, Morganton 28655	9	24	19	18	22	21	0	0	0	0	113	50	0	0	0	0	45	0	45
Wilkie's Grove	Fred Sain, Rt. 1, Box 299K, Connelly Springs 28612	29	48	33	41	50	30	0	0	4	0	235	152	0	0	0	0	76	0	76
Zion Hill	Cecil Cook, Rt. 3, Box 83B, Vale 28168	40	33	35	75	56	40	0	0	3	0	282	164	0	0	0	0	80	0	80
Zoar	Bobby McDaniel, Casar 28020	9	5	5	7	22	17	0	0	0	0	65	50	0	0	0	0	38	0	38
	TOTALS	628	739	714	740	1107	433	4	15	111	0	4491	3101	3	65	27	0	2007	0	2007

TABLE C TRAINING UNION 1972		61	62	63	64	65	66	67	68	69	70	71		72		73	
Association: SOUTH MOUNTAIN State: NORTH CAROLINA Associational Training Union Director: REV. G. C. WRAY Address: Rt. 2, Box 338 City: Valdese State: N. C. Zip: 28690		Preschool enrolment (5 years and under–not in school)	Children enrolment (6-11 years or grades 1-6)	Youth enrolment (12-17 years or grades 7-12)	Young Adult enrolment (18-29 years or H.S. graduation to 29 years)	Adult enrolment (30-59 years or 30 to retirement)	Senior Adult enrolment (60 and over or retirement and over)	General officers enrolment	Enrolment of mission(s) of church	Total Training Union ongoing enrolment	Average weekly Training Union attendance	New Member Orientation		Church Leader Training		Member Training Projects	
CHURCHES	TRAINING UNION DIRECTORS & ADDRESSES											Registration	Completed	Registration	Completed	Registration	Completed
Berea	Robert Berry, Rt. 8 Box 306 Hickory 28601	39	37	32	41	36	0	3	0	188	105	0	0	0	0	0	0
Beulah	Mrs. Evelyn Rhoney, Rt. 3, Vale 28168	3	2	13	5	6	5	5	0	39	21	0	0	0	0	0	0
Carswell Memorial	Fred Butler, Rt. 4 Box 248X, Morganton 28655	5	6	10	8	11	3	2	0	45	30	0	0	0	0	0	0
Midway	Mrs. Phyllis Weaver, 420 32nd St., N. W. Hickory 28601	0	4	4	3	13	1	3	0	28	18	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mount Hebron	Mrs. Glenda Huffman, Rt. 3 Box 714, Conn. Sp. 28612	23	4	6	10	40	3	2	0	88	60	5	5	24	24	0	0
Mount Vernon	Miss Doris Upton, Rt. 2 Box 321, Vale 28168	3	4	16	11	21	4	4	0	63	29	0	0	0	0	10	10
Oak Ridge	Clyde Foster, Rt. 7 Box 186-28, Hickory 28601	11	29	31	19	18	10	2	0	120	50	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pisgah	Rev. Harold B. Dellinger, Rt. 1, Casar 28020	1	9	10	0	12	0	2	0	34	21	0	0	0	0	0	0
Saint Paul	Miss Bentha Cook, Rt. 3, Lawndale 28090	1	6	23	0	7	0	2	0	39	15	0	0	0	0	23	23
Shoup's Grove	Allen Huffman, 3761 Main Ave. Dr., N. W. Hickory 28601	12	19	27	9	13	0	4	0	84	40	0	0	0	0	25	25
Wilkie's Grove	Michael Staton, Rt. 4 Box 470, Hickory 28601	10	12	8	15	6	1	3	0	55	20	0	0	0	0	0	0
Zion Hill	Horace Sain, Rt. 3 Box 143, Vale 28168	10	10	22	10	15	0	2	0	69	42	0	0	0	0	0	0
	TOTALS	118	142	202	131	198	27	34	0	852	346	5	5	24	24	58	58

TABLE D CHURCH MUSIC 1972

Association: SOUTH MOUNTAIN

State: NORTH CAROLINA

Associational Music Director: VIRGIL BUFF

Address: Box 462 City: Hildebran State: North Carolina Zip: 28637

CHURCHES	MUSIC DIRECTORS & ADDRESSES	74 Preschool enrolment (5 years and under—not in school)	75 Children enrolment (6-11 years or grades 1-6)	76 Youth enrolment (12-17 years or grades 7-12)	77 Adult enrolment (18 and over)	78 General officers enrolment	79 Enrolment of mission(s) of church	80 Total church music enrolment	81 Average weekly church music attendance	82 Handbell ringers enrolment	83 Vocal ensemble enrolment	84 Instrumental ensembles enrolment	85 Church music study group enrolment
Abee's Chapel	Ronder Crawford, Rt. 1, Box 42, Valdese 28690	15	0	30	30	5	0	80	0	0	4	0	0
Berea	Virgil Buff, Box 462, Hildebran 28637	0	0	18	20	3	0	41	20	0	0	0	0
Beulah	Gracie Lee Mull, Rt. 3, Vale 28168	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Carswell Memorial	C. R. Poteet, Rt. 4, Box 303, Morganton 28655	0	4	15	14	2	0	35	30	0	0	0	0
Corinth	Joe R. White, Rt. 1, Casar 28020	0	0	18	15	0	0	33	0	0	0	0	0
Drowning Creek	Harold Klutz, 172 18th St. N. W., Hickory 28601	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Faith Olive	Jeanette Lail, Rt. 7, Box 716, Hickory 28601	0	0	0	8	2	0	10	8	0	1	0	0
Grace and Truth	Patsy Van Horn, Box 466, Hildebran 28637	0	3	6	8	1	0	18	13	0	0	0	0
Hildebran View	Sherry Hudson, Rt. 1, Connelly Springs 28612	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hoyle Memorial	Sanford Burns, Valdese 28690	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Midway		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mt. Calvary		0	15	20	35	0	0	75	65	0	0	0	0
Mt. Gilead	Ruthie Parker, Rt. 1, Connelly Springs 28612	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mt. Hebron	Mrs. Mavin Carswell, Rt. 3, Connelly Springs 28612	0	0	11	22	2	0	35	25	0	1	0	0
Mt. Vernon	Omar Hoyle, Rt. 2, Vale 28168	0	5	10	12	4	0	31	15	0	0	0	0
Mt. Zion		0	0	0	15	0	0	15	15	0	0	0	0
Mull's Chapel	Della Hudson, Rt. 3, Vale 28168	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Oak Ridge	Terry Childers, Box 205, Rhodhiss 28667	0	2	10	20	3	0	35	25	0	0	0	0
Olive Grove	Mrs. Fred Spurling, Rt. 7, Box 246, Shelby 28150	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Philadelphia	Junior Crotts, Rt. 1, Connelly Springs 28612	9	12	4	20	4	0	49	0	0	0	0	0
Pisgah	Mrs. Robert Beam, Rt. 1, Casar 28020	0	0	25	12	0	0	37	25	0	0	0	0
Pleasant Grove	Hubert H. Lindsay, Rt. 4, Box 318, Morganton 28655	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
St. John's	Betty Huffman, Rt. 1, Connelly Springs 28612	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
St. Paul	C. W. Cooke, Rt. 1, Casar 28020	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Shoup's Grove	Callie Townsend, Gen. Delivery, Hildebran 28637	0	6	10	16	3	0	35	30	0	0	0	0
Smart's Grove	Alberta Crawley, Rt. 1, Connelly Springs 28612	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
South Fork	Eugene Propst, Rt. 4, Hickory 28601	0	2	6	14	2	0	24	20	0	0	0	0
Tabernacle	Mae Tessneer, Rt. 3, Lawndale 28090												
Walker's Chapel	J. C. Bradley, Rt. 4, Morganton 28655	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Wilkie's Grove	Mildred Clark, Rt. 4, Box 486, Hickory 28601	0	4	6	18	3	0	31	15	0	0	0	0
Zion Hill	Kenneth Sain, Rt. 2, Vale 28168	0	8	15	16	4	0	43	30	0	0	0	0
Zoar	Mrs. Gene Chapman, Gen. Delivery, Casar 28020	0	0	8	10	0	0	18	0	0	0	0	0
	TOTALS	29	61	212	305	38	0	645	316	0	6	0	0

TABLE E WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION 1972

Association: SOUTH MOUNTAIN
State: NORTH CAROLINA
Associational WMU Director: MRS. JESSE FORTENBERRY
Address: Rt. 4, Box 751 City: Hickory State: North Carolina Zip: 28601

CHURCHES	WMU DIRECTORS & ADDRESSES	86	87	88	89	90	91	92	93	94	95	96	97	98	99	100
		Number of Organizations							Enrolment							
		Mission Friends (5 years and under–not in school)	Girls in Action (6-11 years or grades 1-6)	Acteens (12-17 years or grades 7-12)	Baptist Young Women (18-29 years or H.S. graduation to 29 years)	Baptist Women (30 and over)	Mission(s) of church	Total number of organizations	Mission Friends (5 years and under–not in school)	Girls in Action (6-11 years or grades 1-6)	Acteens (12-17 years or grades 7-12)	Baptist Young Women (18-29 years or H.S. graduation to 29 years)	Baptist Women (30 and over)	WMU officers	Mission(s) of church	Total WMU enrolment
Abee's Chapel	Mrs. Ruth Reed, Rt. 1, Box 356, Connelly Springs 28612	1	1	1	1	1	0	5	9	6	12	11	16	5	0	59
Berea	Mrs. Earl Church, Rt. 3, Box 510, Connelly Sprs. 28612	1	1	1	1	1	0	5	4	8	8	12	10	0	0	42
Beulah	Mrs. Mary Mull, Rt. 3, Vale 28168	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	11	4	0	15
Carswell Memorial	Mrs. G. C. Wray, Rt. 2, Box 338, Valdese 28690	1	1	1	0	1	0	4	2	4	10	0	10	6	0	32
Corinth	Mrs. Mazelle Lail, Rt. 1, Casar 28020	0	1	1	0	1	0	3	0	5	15	2	12	0	0	34
Midway	Mrs. Grady McCurry, Rt. 4, Box 837, E. Hickory 28601	0	0	1	0	1	1	3	0	0	10	0	8	3	5	26
Mount Gilead		0	1	1	0	0	0	2	0	2	7	0	0	0	0	9
Mount Hebron	Mrs. Jettie Crook, Rt. 3, Box 702, Connelly Sprs. 28612	2	1	2	1	1	0	7	11	9	13	11	14	11	0	69
Mount Vernon	Mrs. Revonda Heavner, Rt. 3, Vale 28168	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	12	3	0	15
Oak Ridge	Mrs. Billy Evans, Rt. 3, Connelly Springs 28612	1	1	1	1	1	0	5	13	21	7	8	12	4	0	65
Pisgah	Mrs. Lyndon Puett, Rt. 1, Casar 28020	1	1	1	0	1	0	4	8	2	11	0	11	2	0	34
Pleasant Grove		0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	7	0	0	0	0	7
Saint John's	Mrs. Barbara Huffman, Rt. 1, Connelly Springs 28612	0	0	1	0	1	0	2	0	0	7	0	20	0	0	27
Shoup's Grove	Mrs. Patsy Dameron, Rt. 4, Box 820, Hickory 28601	0	1	1	0	1	0	3	0	12	12	0	10	5	0	39
Walker's Chapel	Mrs. Lena McNeely, Rt. 4, Box 353, Morganton 28655	0	1	1	0	0	0	2	0	10	6	0	0	0	0	16
Wilkie's Grovw	Mrs. Corrine Johnson, Rt. 4, Hickory 28601	1	1	1	1	1	0	5	10	7	10	10	14	12	0	63
Zion Hill		1	1	1	1	1	0	5	4	4	12	5	18	2	0	45
	TOTALS	9	12	16	6	14	1	58	61	90	147	59	178	57	5	597

TABLE F BROTHERHOOD		1972	101	102	103	104	105	106	107	108
Association: SOUTH MOUNTAIN State: NORTH CAROLINA Associational Brotherhood Director: REV. RONALD MARTIN Address: Rt. 3 City: Lawndale State: North Carolina Zip: 28090			Crusaders (6-11 years or grades 1-6)	Pioneers (12-17 years or grades 7-12)	Baptist Young Men enrolment (18-29 years or H.S. graduation to 29 years)	Baptist Men enrolment (30-59 years or 30 to retirement)	Baptist Senior Men (60 and over or retirement and over)	General officers enrolment	Enrolment of mission(s) of church	Total Brotherhood enrolment
CHURCHES	BROTHERHOOD DIRECTORS & ADDRESSES									
Abee's Chapel	Johnnie R. Abee, Rt. 1, Box 83-B, Connelly Springs 28612		6	5	0	32	4	4	0	51
Berea	Don Morton, Box 676, Hildebran 28637		8	12	0	26	0	2	0	48
Carswell Memorial	Randy Powell, Box 362, Icard 28666		0	4	0	10	0	2	0	16
Corinth	Bobby Downs, Rt. 1, Casar 28020		4	14	0	0	0	5	0	23
Mount Hebron	Dennis Wright, Box 351, Icard 28666		10	10	0	15	0	5	0	40
Oak Ridge	L. D. Cole, Sr., Rt. 2, Connelly Springs 28612		8	10	5	5	5	2	0	35
Pisgah	Robert Beam, Rt. 1, Casar 28020		11	10	0	8	0	2	0	31
Shoup's Grove	John Gragg, 551 19th St. Place, SE Hickory		7	7	6	4	0	3	0	27
Walker's Chapel	Shub Carswell, Rt. 4, Box 359 C, Morganton 28655		7	5	0	0	0	0	0	12
Zion Hill	Kenneth Sain, Rt. 2, Box 305, Vale 28168		9	11	2	8	2	3	0	35
	TOTALS		70	88	13	108	11	28	0	318

TABLE G TOTAL RECEIPTS, LOCAL EXPENDITURES & STEWARDSHIP 1972

Association: SOUTH MOUNTAIN
State: NORTH CAROLINA
Associational Treasurer: MISS DORIS UPTON
Address: Rt. 2, Box 321 City: Vale State: North Carolina Zip: 28168

CHURCHES	TREASURERS & ADDRESSES	12 Number of tithers	13 Budget prom. or emphasis used during the year. None	Forward Program	Other	14 Cooperative Program goal as percent of total budget	15 Associational missions goal as percent of total budget	109 Total tithes, all offerings, and special gifts	110 All other receipts	111 Total receipts	112 Money borrowed during the year	113 Church staff salaries	114 Money paid out on new construction during the year	115 Debt retirement during the year	116 All other local expenditures	117 Total local expenditures
Abee's Chapel	Ulen Lowman, Box 27, Valdese 28690	80	x			1.88	10.7	38483	987	39470	0	7275	3026	0	2749	13050
Berea	Russell Huffman, Rt. 1, Box 259, Valdese 28690	60	x			10	1	42030	0	42030	0	6585	0	9248	12249	28082
Beulah	E. A. Rudisill, 209 1st Ave., S. E., Hickory 28601	11	x			5	3	7131	0	7131	0	2580	2940	0	700	6220
Carswell Memorial	Versie Carswell, Rt. 4, Box 304, Morganton 28655	15		x		8	8	12423	0	12423	0	5326	1612	500	2533	9971
Corinth	Ramon McNeilly, Rt. 1, Casar 28020	32	x			0	0	27370	585	27955	0	5500	30474	0	3260	39234
Drowning Creek	Mrs. Allen Mauney, 134 38th St., N.W., Hickory 28601	5	x			0	0	2178	0	2178	0	1560	0	0	568	2128
Faith Olive		0	x			0	0	6025	0	6025	1400	2730	0	800	3048	7978
Grace & Truth	Willie Van Horn, Box 466 Hildebran 28637	12	x			0	0	4559	0	4559	0	1465	1505	0	722	3692
Hildebran View	Glenn Shook, Rt. 1, Box 277A Conn. Sp. 28612	1	x			0	0	1696	0	1696	0	1215	0	0	338	1553
Hoyle Mem.	Helen P. Whisnant, Rt. 1, Casar 28020	5	x			0	0	1913	0	1913	0	602	394	600	317	1913
Midway	Joseph Beavers, Rt. 7, Box 5, Hickory 28601	50	x			0	0	8794	765	9559	0	5300	0	0	2346	7646
Mount Calvary	Clay Lail, Rt. 1, Connelly Springs 28612	20	x			0	0	7000	0	7000	0	3800	3000	0	1000	7800
Mount Gilead	Mrs. Carrie Buff, Rt. 1, Conn. Spr. 28612	1	x			1	0	3452	0	3452	0	1745	0	0	1461	3206
Mount Hebron	Mrs. Esther Lagle, Rt. 3, Box 690, Conn. Sp. 28612	63	x			8	0	36000	1663	37663	0	4717	0	0	19569	24286
Mount Vernon	Paul R. Leatherman, Rt. 2, Vale 28168	32	x			15	5	20856	0	20856	0	8092	0	4338	3721	16151
Mount Zion	Kevin Parker, Rt. 1, Box 149A, Casar 28020	10		x	x	6	2	3600	0	3600	0	1848	0	0	560	2408
Mull's Chapel	Mrs. Katherine Young, Rt. 1, Box 270, Conn. Sp. 28612	2	x			0	0	13718	0	13718	0	4810	0	4119	3937	12866
Oak Ridge	Edsel Johnson, Box 391, Hildebran 28637	72	x			0	0	29981	0	29981	0	6760	0	3048	14862	24670
Olive Grove	Mrs. Dona Walker, Rt. 1, Casar 28020	15	x			0	0	15141	0	15141	0	2760	0	5200	2952	10912
Philadelphia	Mrs. Helen Lowman, Rt. 1, Box 288, Conn. Sp. 28612	27	x			0	0	18015	215	18230	0	4975	11027	6875	4532	27409
Pisgah	Mrs. Robert Beam, Rt. 1, Casar 28020	20	x			4	6	17944	0	17944	0	5982	0	0	9097	15079
Pleasant Grove	Hubert H. Lindsay, Rt. 4, Box 318, Morganton 28655	8	x			0	0	6149	0	6149	0	1540	39	0	2283	3862
Saint John's	Larry Huffman, Rt. 1, Box 276, Conn. Spr. 28812	20	x			0	0	14545	0	14545	0	6654	0	0	6564	13218
Saint Paul	Alvin Cook, Rt. 2, Lawndale 28090	20	x	x	x	0	0	15826	19000	34826	0	5510	23940	19831	6792	56073
Shoup's Grove	Mrs. Maggie Huffman, Box 321, Hildebran 28637	40		x	x	10	5	26500	0	26500	0	4810	0	6962	7060	18832
Smart's Grove	Mrs. Mabel Lowman, Rt. 1, Conn. Sp. 28612	26	x			0	0	15693	0	15693	0	5671	0	3801	4648	14120
South Fork	Mrs. Barbara Hollar, Rt. 2, Box 831B, Conn. Sp. 28612	51	x			10	0	19381	0	19381	3000	6983	0	3000	6565	19548
Tabernacle	Mrs. John Glover, Rt. 1, Casar 28020	4	x			0	0	2500	0	2500	0	500	0	0	300	800
Walker's Chapel	Alexander Huffman, Rt. 1, Box 290H, Conn. Sp. 28612	6	x			0	0	7440	969	8409	0	2470	0	0	2363	4833
Wilkie's Grove	Mrs. Dolly Bradshaw, Rt. 4, Box 745B, Hickory 28601	40	x			10.5	5	28500	0	28500	3500	8710	8580	4920	2500	28210
Zion Hill	Joe Ramsey, Rt. 1, Box 175B, Conn. Sp. 28612	0	x			10	0	20808	0	20808	0	9679	0	4270	6266	20215
Zoar	Sherrill Chapman, Rt. 1, Casar 28020	25	x			0	0	13273	0	13273	0	2070	0	0	1434	3504
	TOTALS	773	29	4	3			488924	24184	513108	7900	140224	86537	77512	137296	449469

TABLE H MISSION EXPENDITURES 1972

Association: SOUTH MOUNTAIN

State: NORTH CAROLINA

Associational Superintendent of Missions (Associational Missionary): REV. THOMAS BERRY

Address: Box 306 City: Connelly Springs State: N. C. Zip: 28612

CHURCHES	CHURCH CLERKS & ADDRESSES	118	119	120	121	122	123	124	125	126	127	128	129	130	131	132
		Church Sponsored Missions			OTHER MISSION CAUSE EXPENDITURES											
		Money paid out on new construction during the year	All other church sponsored mission expenditures	Total church sponsored mission expenditures	Cooperative Program	Associational missions program	Designated: State missions	Designated: SBC Home Missions (incl. Annie Armstrong Easter offering)	Designated: SBC For. Mis. (incl. Lottie Moon Christmas offering)	Designated: Christian education (schools, etc.)	Designated: Children's homes (cash plus goods)	Designated: Hospitals	Designated: Homes for the aged	Designated: All other (Bible Society, Temp. League, etc.)	Total other mission cause expenditures	Grand Total Mission expenditures
Abee's Chapel	Ivey E. Lowman, Rt. 1, Box 60K, Valdese 28690				100	100	50	256	509		100	150	100		1265	1365
Berea	Mrs. Coolidge Wycoff, Rt. 2, Box 1106, Conn. Spr. 28612				4018	367	264	90	1200	44	56	173		762	2956	6974
Beulah	Miss Diane Houser, Rt. 3, Vale 28168				339	120	20								140	479
Carswell Memorial	Mrs. C. V. Moore, Rt. 4, Box 369, Morganton 29655				150	150	90	82	612		86	77	27	100	1224	1374
Corinth	H. Grandy McNeilly, Rt. 1, Box 11, Casar 28020				430	150	178	147	438	70	190	288		426	1887	2317
Drowning Creek	Mrs. Howard Klutz, 172 18th St., N. W. Hickory 28601													50	50	50
Faith Olive	Mrs. Barbara Costner, Rt. 7, Box 627, Hickory 28601				93	23					38				61	154
Grace and Truth	Susan Willis, Rt. 4, Box 506, Hickory 28601											25			25	25
Hildebran View	Mrs. Abbie Shook, Rt. 1, Box 277A, Connelly Springs 28601					10					50				60	60
Hoyle Memorial	Karen Price, Rt. 3, Lawndale 28090															
Midway	Mrs. Everette Proctor, 1813 33rd St. Pl. N.E. Hickory 28601							37	55						92	92
Mount Calvary	Mrs. Irene Lail, Rt. 1, Connelly Springs 28612												25		25	25
Mount Gilead	Mrs. Iva Rhoney, Rt. 1, Box 221R, Connelly Spr. 28612											40	18		58	58
Mount Hebron	Mrs. Ray McDowell, Rt. 3, Box 684, Connelly Spr. 28612					260	366	798	1407	1440	280		151	645	5347	5347
Mount Vernon	Miss Lucille Upton, Rt. 2, Box 321, Vale 28168				2035	288	39	189	1355	71	122	131	56	129	2380	4415
Mount Zion	Sonya S. Parker, Rt. 1, Box 149A, Casar 28020				200	65	25				15	15	15		135	335
Mull's Chapel	Clyde McClurd, 813 Rostan St. S. E., Valdese 28690					35			75		50	38	40	199	437	437
Oak Ridge	Mrs. Jo Ann Edwards, Rt. 2, Box 413, Conn. Sp. 28612				1225	300	117	200	830	35	150	138	109	675	2554	3779
Olive Grove	Mrs. Howard Walker, Rt. 1, Box 212, Casar 28020					50					86	49			185	185
Philadelphia	Mrs. Sadie Brittain, Rt. 1, Box 128B, Conn. Spr. 28612				37				500		60	45		10	615	652
Pisgah	Mrs. Austin Pruett, Box 13, Casar 28020				425	50	121	254	535		80	60	24	350	1474	1899
Pleasant Grove	Mrs. Ruth H. Walker, Rt. 1, Box 241, Connelly Spr. 28612						40				50	139		481	710	710
Saint John's	Miss Lillie Huffman, Rt. 1, Box 129A, Conn. Spr. 28612					40	17		318			258	21		654	654
Saint Paul	Ghyles L. McNeely, Rt. 3, Lawndale 28090				237				100		60	187		75	422	659
Shoup's Grove	Mrs. Callie Townsend, General Delivery, Hildebran 28637				520	260	69	259	500	7	89	56	38		1278	1798
Smart's Grove	Mrs. Evelyn Lail, Rt. 4, Box 387A, Morganton 28655								600		60				660	660
South Fork	Mrs. Rita Munday, Box 285, Icard 28665				751	563			79		519	148			1309	2060
Tabernacle	Mrs. Mae Tessneer, Rt. 3, Lawndale 28090				20						25	25	25		75	95
Walker's Chapel	Mrs. Ruth Keller, Rt. 1, Box 223C, Connelly Spr. 28612				11						50	50	22	193	315	326
Wilkie's Grove	Mrs. Nancy Clay, Rt. 4, Box 493, Hickory 28601				2900	1500	93	181	608	23	101	51	42		2599	5499
Zion Hill	Mrs. E. B. Daves, Rt. 1, Box 170, Connelly Spr. 28612		1095	1095	1490	678	36	40	226		22	28	16	630	1676	3166
Zoar	Phillip A. Lail, Rt. 3, Box 27, Lawndale 28090				43	15								200	215	258
	TOTALS	0	1095	1095	15024	5024	1525	2533	9947	1690	2339	2171	729	4925	30883	45907

TABLE I SPECIAL INFORMATION 1972

Association: SOUTH MOUNTAIN
State: NORTH CAROLINA
Moderator: REV. RALPH STATON
Address: Rt. 4, Box 470 City: Hickory State: North Carolina Zip: 28601

CHURCHES	CHAIRMEN OF DEACONS & ADDRESSES	19 No. church-type missions started during the year	20 No. church-type missions currently operating	21 No. other-type missions started during the year	22 No. other-type missions currently operating	23 Com. existing during past yr. Public relations	24 Stewardship	25 Radio and TV	26 Missions	27 Christian Higher Educ.	28 Does church have or observe? Radio and TV Sunday	29 Library	30 Recreation staff	31 Witness Training (using WIN materials)	32 Christian Home Week	33 Ministry to the Deaf	34 State paper in budget	35 Ch. Council/Cabinet	36 Bus Ministry	37 Baptist Seminaries, Colleges, and Schools Day	38 Does church plan or contemplate a major building program within the year? Y	N	39 Number of college students baptized during the year	40 Number ordained for Gospel ministry during the year	41 Training Union meeting time AM	PM	42 Number of active deacons	43 Kindergarten enrolment	44 Day care enrolment
Abee's Chapel	Delkie Mourglea, Jr., R. 1, Bx. 358C, Connelly Springs 28612	0	0	0	0	x		x	x		x	x		x	x		x			x		x	0	0			7	0	0
Berea	Clarence Brittain, Box 1, Icard 28666	0	0	0	0		x					x			x			x				x	0	0		x	6	0	0
Beulah	Bud Willis, Rt. 1, Connelly Spring 28612	0	0	0	0																		0	0		x	5	0	0
Carswell Memorial	James B. Smith, Rt. 4, Connelly Spring 28612	0	0	0	0								x							x		x	0	0		x	6	0	0
Corinth	J. L. Newton, Rt. 1, Casar 28020	0	0	0	0																	x	0	1			5	0	0
Drowning Creek	Harold Klutz, 172 18th St. NW Hickory 28601	0	0	0	0																	x	0	0			1	0	0
Faith Olive	Grady Allen, Rt. 8, Box 490, Hickory 28601	0	0	0	0																	x	0	0			3	0	0
Grace & Truth	Willie Van Horn, Box 466 Hildebran 28637	0	0	0	0														x		x		0	0			2	0	0
Hildebran View		0	0	0	0																	x	0	0			0	0	0
Hoyle Memorial	Vasco Price, Rt. 3, Box 275, Lawndale 28090	0	0	0	0	x	x														x		0	1			4	0	0
Midway	Lex Wright, Rt. 8, Box 646, Hickory 28601	0	0	0	0																	x	0	0		x	2	0	0
Mount Calvary	Paul Carswell, Rt. 1, Conneely Spr. 28612	0	0	0	0																	x	0	0			4	0	0
Mount Gilead	Ronald Rhoney, Rt. 1, Box 221R, Conn. Spr. 28612	0	1	0	0																	x	0	0			5	0	0
Mount Hebron	David Smith, Box 372 Hildebran 28637	0	0	0	0							x	x		x				x			x	0	0		x	8	0	0
Mount Vernon	Blair Wessom, Rt. 2, Vale 28168	0	0	0	0																	x	0	0		x	8	0	0
Mount Zion	C. B. Lindsay, Rt. 1, Casar 28020	0	0	0	0																	x	0	0	x		9	0	0
Mull's Chapel	W. Edd Keller, 150 41st St., SW Hickory 28601	0	0	0	0																	x	0	0			6	0	0
Oak Ridge		0	0	0	0								x		x	x						x	0	0		x	8	0	0
Olive Grove	Charlie Crotts, Rt. 1, Box 253C, Casar 28020	0	0	0	0														x			x	0	0			7	0	0
Philadelphia	Ronald Singleton, Rt. 1, Conn. Sp. 28612	0	0	0	0																	x	0	0			4	0	0
Pisgah	Don Elliott, Rt. 1, Casar 28020	0	0	0	0							x					x	x				x	0	0		x	8	0	0
Pleasant Grove	J. M. Walker, Rt. 1, Box 241, Conn. Sp. 28612	0	0	0	0																	x	0	0			9	0	0
Saint John's	Stanley Willis, Rt. 4, Hickory 28601	0	0	0	0																	x	0	0			5	0	0
Saint Paul	Earl Morrison, Rt. 1, Casar 28020	0	0	0	0							x										x	0	0		x	10	0	0
Shoup's Grove	Vance Brittain, Box 1, Icard 28666	0	0	0	0								x						x		x		x	0	0		x	7	0	0
Smart's Grove	R. E. Moses, Rt. 1, Connelly Sp. 28612	0	0	0	0																	x	0	0			7	0	0
South Fork	Eugene Propst, Rt. 4, Hickory 28601	0	0	0	0																	x	0	0			2	0	0
Tabernacle	John Glover, Rt. 1, Casar 26020	0	0	0	0	x		x	x		x	x		x	x		x			x		x	0	0			7	0	0
Walker's Chapel	Alexander Huffman, Rt. 1, Box 290H Connelly Springs 28612	0	0	0	0																x	0	0			3	0	
Wilkie's Grove	Ray Melton, Rt. 7, Hickory 28601	0	0	0	0							x	x		x				x			x	0	0		x	7	0	0
Zion Hill	Warren Yancey, Rt. 3, Lawndale 28090	0	0	0	0												x						0	0		x	9	0	0
Zoar	Lester J. Lail, Rt. 3, Lawndale 28090	0	0	0	0												x		x			x	1	0			6	0	0
	TOTALS	0	1	0	0	3	2	2	2	0	2	6	6	5	4	0	5	3	5	4	3	27	1	2	1	12	180	0	0

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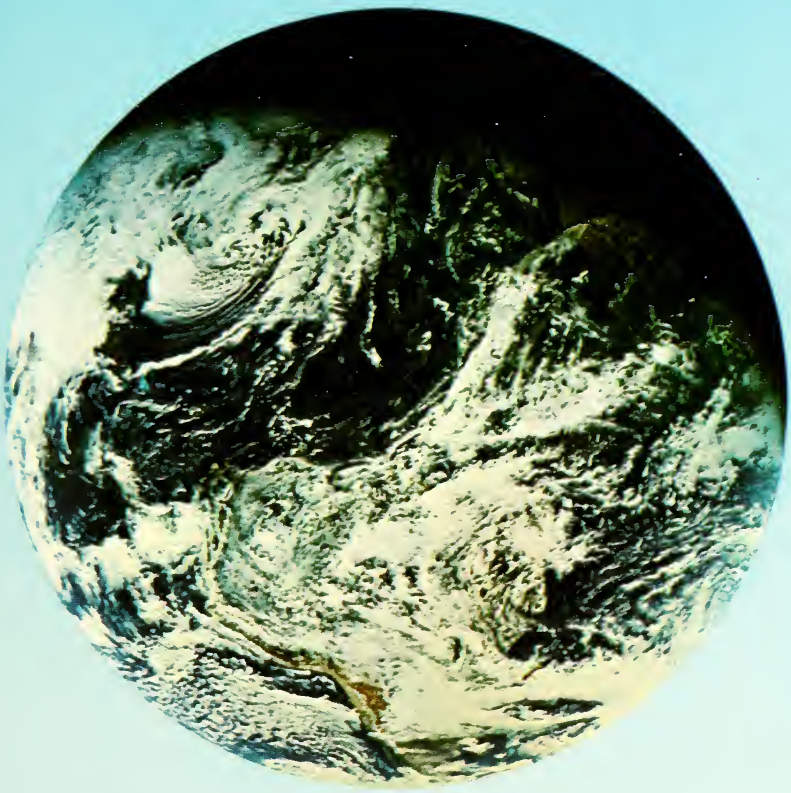
In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.

2 And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.

—Genesis 1:1-2



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Berea ..... Don Morton
Carswell Memorial ..... G. C. Wray
Zion Hill ..... Kenneth Sain
Wilkie's Grove ..... Mrs. Jesse Fortenberry
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St. Paul ..... Rev. Kenneth Simpson
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Corinth—Rev. Cecil Buff, Mrs. Polly Buff, Mrs. Mazelle Lail
Drowning Creek—Rev. & Mrs. Roy Craig, Jerry McDaris, Mr. Norris Birttain
Faith Olive
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Hoyle Memorial—Vasco Price, Toney Hull, Evetta Goodman, Helen Hoyle, Don Whisnant, Robert Hoyle, Eva Hoyle, Marvin Shoup
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Mt. Hebron—Mrs. Clara Bradshaw, Mrs. Nell Brittain, Mrs. Susie Abernathy, Mrs. Ruth Hoyle, Mrs. Esther Lagle, Rev. & Mrs. Raymond Crook
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Mt. Zion—Mr. & Mrs. Roger Turner, Sam Proctor
Mull's Chapel—Earnest Rhoney, Jewell Rhoney, Mr. & Mrs. Fred Hudson, Rev. Richard Adams

Oak Ridge
Olive Grove—Rev. & Mrs. Robert L. Beck, Mrs. Myrtle Walker, Mrs. Willard Walker
Philadelphia—Blaka Abee, Helen Lowman, Sadie Brittain, Margaret Hildebran, Donald Stephens
Pisgah—Mrs. Bertha Jones, Mrs. Mary Parker, Mr. Gene Canipe
Pleasant Grove—Rev. John H. Smart, Mr. & Mrs. John Williams, Gene Guy, Carl Powell
St. John's—Mrs. Ruby Hoyle, Mrs. Betty Huffman, Mrs. Joyce Brittain, Mrs. Helen Bivens, Mrs. Verdie Nogle, Mrs. Betty Stamey, Guy Stamey, Donald Hoyle, Mrs. Wanda Hoyle
St. Paul—Mr. & Mrs. Glenn Meade, Rev. & Mrs. Kenneth Simpson, Mrs. Lussie Willis, Rev. Roy Hastings
Shoup's Grove—Rev. & Mrs. Dennis Whitley, Joe Crotts, Linda Ammons, Hattie Lail
Smart's Grove—Mrs. Beulah Lail, Mrs. Evelyn Lail, Mrs. Herman Testor, Rev. Finley McCoury
South Fork
Tabernacle
Walker's Chapel
Wilkie's Grove—Mrs. Mavis Fortenberry, Mrs. Ruby Staton, Mr. & Mrs. Fred Sain, Elbert Chapman, Nancy Clay
Zion Hill—Cecil Cook, Mr. & Mrs. Frank Sain, Warren Yancey, Iva Yancey, Kenneth Sain, Ricky Sain
Zoar—Mrs. Vinnie Queen, Mrs. Stella Gettys, Mrs. Mattie Lail, Mr. Grady Luckadoo

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Constitution

1. This body shall be known as "The South Mountain Baptist Association."
2. It shall be composed of messengers from Missionary Baptist Churches.
3. The messengers from any Missionary Baptist Church may be admitted into this Association upon recommendation of the Committee on Petitionary Letters and the majority vote of members present at any regular meeting.
4. Any church in good fellowship may, at her discretion, withdraw from this body.
5. This Association may at any meeting, after investigation and report of a duly authorized committee of the Association, by a majority vote declare a dissolution of union with any church deemed corrupt, either in doctrine or practice.
6. Any church in this Association, with fifty members or under, may send three messengers, with one additional for each succeeding fifty members or major fraction thereof.
7. At each session of this Association a Moderator, a Vice-Moderator, a Clerk, and Treasurer shall be chosen by vote and hold office until their successors are elected. A Moderator shall not be eligible to succeed himself after having served in office for two years.
8. The meetings of the Association shall be held annually beginning on Thursday after the second Sunday of October unless otherwise ordered by the Association or the Executive Board.

9. The design of this Association is to promote the cause of true religion with the several churches of which it is or may be composed and to sustain the various objects fostered by the North Carolina State Convention and the Southern Baptist Convention.

10. This Association has no authority over any church nor any right to interfere with its internal concerns.

11. For the mutual benefit of the churches composing this Association, it shall be the duty of each church to forward with messengers a written communication to each annual meeting, specifying the names of messengers, statistics of the church for the foregoing year, giving account of its spiritual conditions and stating the names of the pastor and other licentiates or ordained ministers connected with the church.

12. (a) The Executive Committee shall be composed of the Associational officers and the pastors of each church, along with the Sunday School Director, Church Training Director, Brotherhood Director, Clerk, Treasurer and W.M.U. Director. Ten members shall constitute a quorum.

(b) The Executive committee meetings shall be on Tuesday after the second Sunday in January, April, July and Tuesday after the first Sunday in October.

(c) The Moderator shall appoint the Committee on Committees to serve from one Annual Meeting to the next (starting with 1966).

(d) The Committee on Committees shall fill vacancies that may occur between annual meetings of the Association by bringing names to the Executive Committee for their approval.

13. The Constitution may be altered or amended by two-thirds of the members present at any annual meeting provided such alterations or amendment shall be submitted in writing at one session and acted upon at the next.

14. Kerfoot's Parliamentary Laws, as far as applicable, shall be followed in the government of the Association.

15. Only one person shall be allowed to petition the body in session for more than one thing in the same session, unless given permission by the Moderator or two-thirds of the messengers present.

16. No department officer shall exercise authority over his department, except it be in accord with the ruling of the Executive Committee or the Association in regular session.

RULES OR ORDER OF THE CONSTITUTION

1. Every meeting shall be opened and closed with prayer.

2. All questions of procedure shall be decided by Kerfoot's Manual of Parliamentary Practice.

3. In view of the fact that the officers of our Association come to the annual meeting with plans made for the session, be it resolved that we elect our officers at the close of the meeting to act till the close of the next annual meeting.

COMMITTEES AND THEIR DUTIES

COMMITTEES APPOINTED BY MODERATOR

Section 1. The Moderator shall appoint in advance of the annual meeting a Committee on Enrollment, Place, Time and Preacher, and Resolutions Committees and any other committees he may deem advisable or necessary. Each of these committees shall report at the annual meeting for which they are appointed.

Section 2. The Committee on enrollment shall be composed of members of the host church appointed by the chairman. It shall be the duties of this committee to arrange for the registration of all the messengers and visitors and to make a report to the association.

Section 3. The Committee on Time, Place and Preacher shall be composed of three members. It shall be the duty of this committee to recommend to the Association the churches at which the next session shall meet and the preachers for the annual sermons at the next session.

Section 4. The Committee on Resolutions shall be composed of three members. It shall be the duty of this Committee to draw up and present to the Association suitable resolutions of appreciation and expressions of sentiments on any matter chosen by the committee or directed by the messengers of the session.

COMMITTEES SELECTED BY COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES

Section 5. The Committee on Committees shall be composed of five appointed members, the Moderator and Associational Missionary. Other officers of the Association may act as Ex Officio members. It shall be the duty of this Committee to prepare for approval of the Association the names of persons to serve on the following committees: Nomination, Finance, Petitionary Letters, Ordination of Ministers, Constitution of Churches, Trustees, Evangelism, Music, Missions and South Mountain Camp.

Section 6. The Program Committee shall be composed of the general officers of the Association. It shall be the duty of this Committee to prepare and present a suggested order of business to be adopted by the Association. When adopted, this program becomes the order of business unless changed by common consent or by vote of the body.

Section 7. The Committee on Nominations shall be composed of five members. It shall be the duty of this Committee to prepare for the Association the names of individuals as nominees for the following offices: Moderator, Vice-Moderator, Treasurer, Clerk, Sunday School Director, Church Training Director, Music Director, Pianist and Historian. It shall be the duty of this Committee to name for the approval of the Association individuals who shall bring to the next annual meeting brief written reports on Public Morals and Temperance, Christian Education, Foreign Missions, Home Missions, State Missions, Hospitals, Homes for the Aging, Children's Homes, Cooperative Program, Religious Literature, Christian Stewardship, Relief and Annuity, Obituaries, Southern Baptist Protective Program, and the American Bible Society. Nominations by this Committee shall not preclude nominations from the floor. This Committee shall make nominations for vacancies that may occur during the year.

(a) Sunday School Director, Church Training Director, and Brotherhood Director shall work with the Nominating Committee in selecting officers for their departments.

(b) The Committee on Ordination of Ministers shall act only upon the request of the churches.

HISTORICAL TABLE OF THE ASSOCIATION

1950—S. M. Stroupe, Moderator; J. E. Hoffman, Vice-Moderator; Mrs. J. D. Goodwin, Clerk; A. V. Ledford, N. S. Hardin, Preachers; Oak Ridge, Corinth, Places.

1951—S. M. Stroupe, Moderator; J. E. Hoffman, Vice Moderator; Mrs. J. D. Goodwin, Clerk; Grady Welch, L. A. Miller, Preachers; Icard, Zion Hill, Places.

1952—S. M. Stroupe, Moderator; J. E. Hoffman, Vice Moderator; Mrs. Claude Icard, Clerk; Lamont Mayes, W. H. Flowers, Preachers; Henry River, St. Paul, Places.

1953—S. M. Stroupe, Moderator; B. R. Holbrook, Vice Moderator; Mrs. B. R. Holbrook, Clerk; R. W. Hord, Fred Hicks, Preachers; Bethany, Mt. Vernon, Places.

1954—J. E. Hoffman, Moderator; A. V. Ledford, Vice Moderator; Mrs. B. R. Holbrook, Clerk; Forrest Davis, B. R. Holbrook, Preachers; Shoup's Grove, Walker's Chapel, Places.

1955—J. E. Hoffman, Moderator; Ralph Berry, Vice Moderator; Mrs. B. R. Holbrook, Clerk; Buren Hastings, J. E. Hoffman, Preachers; Connelly Springs, Pisgah, Places.

1956—Paul Crotts, Moderator; W. N. Reece, Vice Moderator; Mrs. Frank Hicks, Clerk; Julius Hildebran, Ralph Berry, Preachers; St. Paul, Mull's Chapel, Places.

1957—Paul Crotts, Moderator; W. N. Reece, Vice Moderator; Mrs. Frank Hicks, Clerk; Joe Richards, B. H. Cline, Preachers; Abee's Chapel, Carswell Memorial, Places.

1958—Paul Crotts, Moderator; W. N. Reece, Vice Moderator; Mrs. Frank Hicks, Clerk; J. E. Hoffman, Paul Crotts, Preachers; St. John's, Oak Ridge, Places.

1959—Paul Crotts, Moderator; Mrs. Frank Hicks, Clerk; Edsel Mull, Grady McCurry, Preachers; Berea, Beulah, Places.

1960—Paul Crotts, Moderator; Mrs. Frank Hicks, Clerk; Harold Whitener, Earsel Robinson, Preachers; Midway, Zion Hill, Places.
1961—Paul Crotts, Moderator; Mrs. Frank Hicks, Clerk; P. G. Sullivan, Harold Whitener, Preachers; Mr. Vernon, Shoup's Grove, Places.
1962—Paul Crotts, Moderator; Harold Whitener, Vice Moderator; Mrs. Frank Hicks, Clerk; S. M. Stroupe, J. I. Willis, Preachers; Wilkie's Grove, Corinth, Places.
1963—Harold Whitener, Moderator; Paul Crotts, Vice Moderator; Mrs. Frank Hicks, Clerk; Garland Early, Harvey Harris, Preachers; St. Paul, Pleasant Grove, Places.
1964—Paul Crotts, Moderator; Mrs. Frank Hicks, Clerk; B. R. Whisnant, Thomas Taylor, Preachers; Mt. Gilead, Olive Grove, Places.
1965—Paul Crotts, Moderator; Mrs. Frank Hicks, Clerk; Floyd Benfield, Jack Johnson, Preachers; Mt. Hebron, Pisgah, Places.
1966—Thomas D. Taylor, Moderator; Miss Lucille Upton, Clerk; J. M. Powell, Jack E. Guffey, Preachers; Drowning Creek, Mull's Chapel, Mt. Calvary, Places.
1967—Paul Crotts, Moderator; Miss Lucille Upton, Clerk; J. T. Cline, William Shytle, Preachers; Abee's Chapel, Wilkie's Grove, Smart's Grove, Places.
1968—William Shytle, Moderator; Miss Lucille Upton, Clerk; Andy Mead, G. C. Wray, Preachers; Berea, Beulah, St. Paul, Places.
1969—William Shytle, Moderator; Miss Lucille Upton, Clerk; R. L. Ball, Harold Ashe, Preachers; Oak Ridge, Carswell Memorial, Faith Olive, Places.
1970—J. T. Cline, Moderator; Miss Lucille Upton, Clerk; Richard Adams, Ralph Staton, Preachers; Mt. Vernon, Mull's Chapel, Places.
1971—J. T. Cline, Moderator; Miss Lucille Upton, Clerk; Ronald Martin, Cecil Buff, Preachers; Zion Hill, Corinth, Places.
1972—Ralph Staton, Moderator; Miss Lucille Upton, Clerk; Dennis Whitley, Carrell Pruette, Preachers; Zoar, Abee's Chapel, Places.
1973—Ralph Staton, Moderator; Miss Lucille Upton, Clerk; Raymond Crook, Paul Crotts, Preachers; Wilkie's Grove, St. John's Places.

Proceedings

Sixty-Third Session of the South Mountain Baptist Association

THEME: "MAKING CHRIST KNOWN"

Thursday Afternoon

1. A prelude of appropriate organ music preceded the opening session of the South Mountain Baptist Association. This seemed to set the mood of reverence and dedication as both delegates from the various churches and visitors assembled in the sancutary of Wilkie's Grove Baptist Church.

2. Rev. Ralph Staton called the meeting to order following the opening hymn "Breathe On Me, Breath of God." Virgil Buff led the music throughout the meeting and Mrs. Flo Buff served as pianist.

3. The scripture for the meeting was John 3:14-16 read by Thomas Berry. Rev. Finley McCoury then led the group in the opening prayer.

4. After receiving printed copies of the program as they registered and having some time to consider the agenda, the delegate body voted to adopt the program as prepared and presented by the program committee.

5. Rev. Staton, as moderator and pastor of the host church, extended a warm and cordial welcome to all those present on behalf of his congregation. He reminded the Enrollment, Resolutions, and Time, Place, and Preacher Committees that they would continue their duties and report at the conclusion of the entire session.

6. The afternoon session was given over to reports on the various Baptist Institutions of North Carolina. These reports were prepared and presented by local representatives who then presented convention or institutional messengers to further discuss the various functions of our state denominational programs. Darrell Pruette gave the report on Homes for the Aging and upon his move for adoption, the report was accepted.

7. Upon his recommendation for adoption of the report on the Baptist Children's Homes, the group voted favorably and Fred Sain then presented Rev. James Camp who spoke concerning activities and needs for continued support for these important institutions.

8. Michael Staton's report on Christian Education was favorably accepted by the delegated and we were disappointed that no speaker appeared in behalf of any of our colleges.

9. Rev. Harold Dellinger presented and requested approval of his report on the Baptist Hospital. The group voted acceptance and were privileged to hear Mrs. Ruby Greenlaw speak in behalf of this institution. She brought greetings from Dr. W. K. McGee now retired and Mrs. Calvin Knight the new director. Her message enlightened us on the wonderful ministry of healing and the need for our continued prayers and support.

10. Due to a funeral, Rev. Edsel Mull was unable to attend the first session but his report on the Cooperative Program was accepted and reports were distributed showing contributions by our various churches for the first six months of the year.

11. Rev. Ronald Martin presented a motion to be considered tomorrow. The motion as previously accepted by the Executive Committee proposed that a committee of five persons, all from different churches, be named by the Committee on Committees to set in motion plans for the construction of an associational office on the land donated for that purpose. They are to report back to the Executive Committee in January.

12. The Executive Committee report was submitted by Associational Clerk, Lucille Upon, and upon her move for adoption the group voted to accept.

13. In the absence of Doris Upton, Associational Treasurer, Rev. Crotts presented her report and moved adoption which was accepted by the assembly.

14. In considering the Cooperative Program, Mr. James Camp spoke of its importance and necessity for financing all phases of our denominational work. He pointed it out as God's plan that we cooperate; that this plan of giving is a great tool for making the gospel come alive. the tragedy is that often our needs and greeds get all mixed up and we fail in support of the program. Rev. S. M. Stroupe, visitor and former moderator, spoke briefly of the development of the Cooperative Program. He reminded us that we used to "operate—now we cooperate."

15. Virgil Buff, Music Director, led the group in singing the hymn "Tis So Sweet To Trust in Jesus."

16. During the Business Session, Thomas Berry pointed out that some confusion of duties and responsibilities resulted from the terminology used in the Constitution and By-Laws. He recommended that the moderator appoint a committee of five members to study and revise the Constitution and report back to the Executive Committee. He also moved that any recommended changes be brought to the associational delegate assembly for approval. Those named were Edsel Mull, Chairman, Ronald Martin, Cecil Buff, Finley McCoury, and Don Morton, with Thomas Berry, Superintendent of Missions and the new moderator as members ex-officio.

17. The congregation joined in the hymn "He Is So Precious to Me" with Virgil Buff directing. The moderator reminded us that there would be literature for distribution on display in the educational building.

18. Special music by a quartet from Berea Baptist Church was especially enjoyable. Those in the group were Virgil Buff, Rebecca Newton, Frances Greene, and Wanda Carpenter. Their rendition of the hymn "The Way That He Loves" with comments by Virgil Buff was most inspiring.

19. A highlight of the afternoon program was the appearance and message of Rev. Coy Privette, President of the Christian Action League of North Carolina. He presented facts and figures to make us aware of the upcoming statewide liquor referendum. He urged defeat of the measure by active participation and involvement of every Christian voter. He warned us not to be influenced by false propaganda of opposing forces.

20. In presenting the report on the BIBLICAL RECORDER the group voted acceptance and

heard Rev. Privette praise the RECORDER for the job it was doing in reporting denominational programs and events. The editor, Marse Grant, was commended for his coverage of events and opposition to the referendum.

21. The congregation stood and joined in singing the hymn entitled "Redeemed."

22. Again we were favored by special music by the quartet as they sang "Jesus Is Always There."

23. Basing his message on scripture from Matthew 28:16-20 and verses from Acts, Rev. Raymond Crook delivered a stirring missionary message stressing the idea of the "Whole Gospel For the Whole World" with total commitment on the part of every Christian. His presentation brought to a close the first session with each person being challenged to share Christ.

24. Following the benediction and invocation, messengers and visitors were directed to the Educational Building where a bountiful and delicious meal was served and good fellowship was enjoyed by everyone.

Thursday Evening

25. When the evening session reconvened, Rev. Richard Adams, Vice Moderator, presided and called to order the assembly of delegates and visitors.

26. Rev. Robert Beck presented the scripture reading and led the opening prayer.

27. Special music by the associational choir under the direction of Virgil Buff and accompanied by Mrs. Flo Buff included the hymns "He Giveth More Grace," "Amazing Grace," and "Joy Unspeakable."

28. Rev. Coy Privette gave additional information and inspiration as he further discussed activities of the Christian Action League. An offering was taken to help spread the message against liquor by the drink referendum.

29. Messengers and visitors were extended a hearty welcome by Rev. Adams as he proceeded to follow the evening program dealing with missions.

30. Rev. Ronald Martin called attention to his report on activities of Baptist Men recorded in the book of reports, urged adoption, and received acceptance. In speaking to his report he publicized a Baptist Men's workshop to be held on October 22 at 7:30 at Zion Hill with two conferences being scheduled. He urged participation by all churches.

31. The report of Royal Ambassadors to have been prepared and presented by Ray Melton was omitted.

32. Lee Roy Childers was unable to attend but his Recreation Report was accepted.

33. The W.M.U. Report was given by Mrs. Jesse Fortenberry who moved adoption and the group voted favorably. In speaking to her report she offered her assistance to any church not having mission organizations.

34. The report on State Missions was presented by Dennis Whitley who moved for adoption and upon being accepted spoke briefly.

35. The absence of Harold Ward who prepared the Home Missions Report necessitated a move for adoption by Rev. Staton and the vote was accepted. Don Morton spoke in behalf of the report reminding us that there still exists a great need for missions and churches within the bounds of the United States. Johnny Smart also added favorable comments in behalf of Home Missions.

36. The congregation sang the hymn "Singing I Go" and were then followed by the associational choir singing "Tell and Sing the News."

37. A prayer led by Rev. Adams followed the singing.

38. T. A. Lineberger introduced his nephew, Rev. Marion Lineberger, missionary to Argentina, who was guest speaker.

39. The highlight of the evening session was the missionary message by Rev. Marion Lineberger. His remarks centered around the question "What is God doing in Argentina?" His scripture reference was Romans 10:14 and points of emphasis were teaching, preaching, practicing, believing, and participating. We here at home can participate in foreign missions by praying and giving—ourselves, our money, our sons and daughters. All Christians were urged to pray that our churches will raise up missionaries and to be genuinely concerned about spreading the gospel.

40. Rev. Adams expressed gratitude to the host church for its kind hospitality, announced the sessions for tomorrow, and projected the idea of adopting a missionary family as a way of making missions more real.

41. The meeting was closed with the benediction by Rev. Andy Mead.

Friday Afternoon

42. Again Flo Buff presented a prelude of organ music as delegates and visitors assembled themselves in the sanctuary of St. John's Baptist Church.

43. The opening congregational hymn "Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus" was led by Virgil Buff with Flo as pianist.

44. Rev. Staton called to order the second day session of the South Mountain Baptist Association.

45. Scripture and prayer were presented by Rev. Bob Bruhn, Administrative Assistant of the Baptist State Convention. He then brought greetings from Baptists all across the state, discussed the Retirement and Annuity Plans, and rejoiced with us in the denominational accomplishments of the past year.

46. Rev. Andy Mead pastor of St. John's extended a cordial welcome on behalf of the members of the church. He made announcements concerning our comfort and convenience for the day.

47. In the minutes, the clerk gave a resume of the activities and actions of the previous day. Upon her move for adoption, the report without changes was accepted.

48. Even though neither man was present, Thomas Berry informed us that both South Fork and Zoar Churches have called new pastors.

49. For the first time, a new and separate report on Religious Literature was added to our program. The purpose of the new addition is to call attention to other good religious and denominational publications in addition to the BIBLICAL RECORDER. The report was submitted by Paul Robinson, and in his absence, was accepted by the assembly.

50. Rev. Raymond Crook presented the report on Evangelism and a favorable vote was given his motion for adoption. In speaking concerning his report he urged all churches to send representatives to both the State Evangelistic Conference and the Associational Clinic.

51. The American Bible Society report was presented by Robert Berry and following a vote of acceptance he made timely and worthwhile comments on the work of the Society.

52. The Stewardship Report as prepared by Cecil Cook and presented in his absence was accepted by the delegates.

53. In speaking to his report on Sunday School work after it was favorably adopted Don Morton was still rejoicing over the success of the Teaching Workshop held at St. Paul and conducted by state leaders from Raleigh. He suggested that perhaps we needed to change our methods—but never the gospel. He recommended that pastors, directors, and teachers take advantage of training by attending Ridgecrest.

54. The Public Morals and Temperance report received a vote of acceptance. Although he prepared the report, Russell Huffman could not attend to present it.

55. Virgil Buff then led the group in singing the hymn "I Love to Tell the Story."

56. G. C. Wray gave a verbal report on activities of the Mission Committee and his report was accepted.

57. Two items of business were then presented and accepted: (1) The motion of the previous day presented by Ronald Martin concerning the formation of a committee to investigate possibilities of building an associational office and (2) Request from the State Convention $2,400.00 to supplement the salary of the Superintendent of Missions.

58. Following the acceptance of the Annuity Report as prepared by R. L. Ball, we heard comments by S. M. Stroupe who testified to the worthwhile program provided for retired ministers.

59. In addition to presenting the Church Training Report and receiving a favorable vote, G. C. Wray announced an Associational Church Training Workshop to be held at Beulah Baptist Church on October 29 at 7:00 p.m. and "M" Night scheduled for November 26 at Zion Hill. He urged us to make church the Sunday night place.

60. A special treat was the visit and comments by Mr. Quentin Perreault from the Baptist State Convention's Department of Town and Country.

61. A point of privilege was granted to Richard Adams in which he stressed the importance and necessity of delegates exercising their privilege and responsibility of speaking and transacting business. He also spoke of the need for every citizen to vote against the liquor by the drink referendum on November 6 stating that God deserves first place and that moral and spiritual implications take precedence over political issues.

62. We joined in singing the hymn "Jesus Is the Sweetest Name I Know."

63. The quartet's musical number entitled "Because He Lives" with special introductory comments by Frances Greene was most inspiring.

64. The theme of the Doctrinal Message as presented by Paul Crotts who chose as his scripture reference II Timothy 3: 14-17 was "The Word of God." Prayer by Edsel Mull followed the reading of God's Word. Rev. Crotts then proceeded to discuss the scriptures as being given under God's inspiration for doctrine, reproof, correction, and instruction. We were warned against misinterpretation and comforted by the thought that God's word would prevail when everything else is gone.

65. At the conclusion of his message, Rev. Crotts pronounced the combined benediction and blessing on the evening meal. A most bountiful and delicious array of food awaited us and everyone enjoyed an hour of feasting and fellowship.

Friday Evening

66. As an attraction to encourage early assembly back in the sanctuary, the quartet began the evening session with a beautiful rendition of the song "The Miracles of Jesus." Rev. Adams presided over this last session.

67. Rev. Kenneth Simpson gave the scripture reading and prayer with appropriate comments.

68. The congregation joined in the hymn "Joy Unspeakable."

69. Rev. Adams extended welcome to messengers and visitors alike. He expressed on behalf of the assembly both gratitude and appreciation to the members of St. John's and Wilkie's Grove for their hospitalities and courtesies.

70. Thomas Berry, Superintendent of Missions, presented his report on associational activities. Upon receiving a vote of acceptance, he spoke to his report.

71. A rather detailed but interesting comment followed the report given by T. A. Lineberger on the South Mountain Baptist Camp. He outlined accomplishments and anticipated improvements and his report was accepted favorably.

72. On behalf of the committee, Thomas Berry presented the Resolutions Report and the group voted unanimous acceptance.

73. The report of the Committee on Committees was presented by Rev. Edsel Mull and was favorably received by the assembly. The list of committees appears elsewhere in the minute.

74. Rev. Ronald Martin presented the Finance Report pointing out the major changes and new items to be included. Upon his recommendation of approval, the assembly voted favorably.

75. The Time, Place, and Preacher Committee made the following report:

October 17 - St. Paul
October 18 - Shoup's Grove

Missionary Message: Ronald Martin
Alternate: Edsel Mull

Doctrinal Message: Kenneth Simpson
Alternate: Harold Dellinger

76. The group joined in singing the hymn "Singing As I Go" directed by Virgil Buff.

77. The report of the Nominating Committee as presented by Richard Adams, Chairman, was accepted.

78. Mrs. Adene Hicks prepared the Memorial but due to her absence the report was given by Lucille Upton. She asked the congregation to stand while the names of the deceased were read and after a moment of silent prayer, the conclusion was a prayer by Rev. Kenneth Simpson.

79. We were inspired by the special music of the associational choir as they sang "Til the Whole World Knows."

80. For his services during the year and in preparation for the associational meeting a love offering was given to Thomas Berry in the amount of $55.40.

81. Rev. Ralph Staton, retiring moderator, presented the gavel to the newly elected moderator, Rev. Raymond Crook. Upon being officially recognized as moderator, Rev. Crook made the following committee appointments:

RESOLUTIONS: Paul Crotts
James Bradley
Fred Sain

ENROLLMENT: St. Paul - Kenneth Simpson
Shoup's Grove - Dennis Whitley

TIME, PLACE AND PREACHER: Mrs. Jeannie Simpson
Mrs. Edsel Mull
Mrs. Nell Brittain

COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES: Thomas Berry
G. C. Wray
Warren Yancey
Donald Hoyle
Cecil Buff

82. Richard Adams introduced Rev. Staton as out-going moderator and expressed appreciation for his leadership and services in behalf of the association.

83. We were favored to hear the moderator's address in which Rev. Staton challenged the congregation to sanctify themselves and emphasized the idea that the Lord will do wonders among His people. The scripture upon which he based his remarks was taken from Joshua 3:14-16. He pointed out that we would have to cross over many Jordans as we strive to go forward in the Lord's work.

84. Following his address and a motion to adjourn, the delegates separated with a spirit of goodwill to go back to their churches and serve faithfully for another year.

AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY REPORT

The American Bible Society and the Southern Baptist Convention work cooperatively as "partners" in sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ to people around the world. This is a tremendous challenge, calling for the widest possible distribution of the Scriptures. Since the eternal truths of the Bible speak to the heart and mind of man, the sole purpose and mission of the Bible Societies is to make God's Word available to all men everywhere in a language and form they can easily read and understand and at a price they can afford.

To fulfill this urgent need, the Bible Societies have embarked on an ambitious program for the development of Scripture Literacy Selections to meet the rapidly mounting rate of literacy growth around the globe. This program is being built on the theme: "Let the Word Speak".

"Graded" Scriptures are being designed on five progressive reading levels to lead new readers from literacy primer levels to reading levels of the normal "comon language". Before the end of the decade, these Scripture literacy Selections will be prepared in 100 languages.

At the same time the Bible Societies are translating the Scriptures into understandable, everyday language, such as "Good News for Modern Man", the New Testament in Today's English Version, of which over 40 million copies have already been distributed—the all-time, "best-seller" in the history of paper-back publications.

In addition to "Good News", "common language" Scripture translations have already been completed in Spanish for Latin America, Spanish for Europe, Dutch, French, German, Korean, Finnish and Thai, and work on 39 similar translations in other languages in already underway. All translations are being made from the original Greek.

At the present time, nearly 97% of the world's people can secure at least a portion (a single Book of the Bible) in their own language. Approximately 3,000 translators are presently at work on some 600 new translations and revisions. At the end of 1972 at least one Book of the Bible had been published in 1,500 languages and dialects—the complete Bible in 255. (at the end of 1965, the Scriptures were available in only 1,250 languages and dialects).

During 1972 the American Bible Society:

-distributed 121,122,596 copies of Scriptures within the United States.
-supplied 53% of the 1972 United Bible Societies' World Service Budget.
-continued to publish and distribute thousands of copies of Scriptures in other familiar versions: King James and Revised Standard.
-provided 704,849 copies of Scripture for the blind in special format - Braille, records, tapes and cassettes.
-opened a new Southern regional distribution office in Atlanta, Georgia, to serve better the Scripture needs of Christians in the South.
-published "Wisdom for Modern Man: Proverbs and Ecclesiastes" in the Today's English Version. Also published, at the request of the Home Mission Board and the National Student Ministries of the Southern Baptist Convention, the "Jesus" book for the January Bible Study needs throughout the SBC.
-made thousands of Scriptures available to the SBC for the 1973 nation-wide evangelistic campaign, Key '73.
-invited Miss Alma Hunt, Executive Secretary, Woman's Missionary Union SBC, as a delegate to the first United Bible Societies' World Assembly in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, in September, 1972.
-provided and distributed 2,196,844 copies of Scripture at Expo '72 during June, 1972, in Dallas, Texas.

Southern Baptists have long considered the American Bible Society an essential part of their worldwide mission program and support it as such.

Resolutions commending the work of the ABS and requesting churches to contribute to its ongoing support are regularly adopted by State Conventions and by the Southern Baptist Convention.

Through gifts to the ABS, SBC churches show their deep and continued interest in providing the Word of God for people everywhere in their native tongue.

During these past six years Southern Baptists have lead all other U.S. denominations in their gifts to the ABS. Southern Baptists can continue to lead if EVERY CHURCH will contribute. Has YOUR CHURCH given this year? A suggested goal for giving is:

small churches - $10 - $60
Larger churches - $60 -$300
Larger City churches - $300 - $600 (or more)

Please send all gifts from your church to your State Baptist Convention office, marked "for the American Bible Society".

Respectfully submitted,
Robert L. Berry

SUPERINTENDENT OF MISSIONS REPORT

Another associational year has come and gone. Although it seems so short a time since we last met, another year has begun for our association. We have many things to be thankful for. God has blessed our efforts tremendously. I feel we have had a good year. Most all of our meetings have increased in attendance. Churches have contributed the best this past year ever on record. 31 of 32 churches have made a contribution. Due to the increase in giving we have moved from a part time to a full time association. When God's people join efforts and trust Him, it is amazing what can be accomplished.

Some of the activities your missionary has been involved in are: attending State meetings, one week at Ridgecrest, three days at Wingate College for Vacation Bible School Clinic, helped in two weekend Mission Advance Emphasis in other associations, served on two committees with the Burke County chapter of the Christian Action League, have attended all associational meetings with one exception, have preached in one revival this year, and preached a total of 58 times during 1973.

It has been my privilege to visit at least once during the year in all 32 churches. In doing so, I have driven about 21,000 miles within this association. My desire is to serve each church in whatever capacity I can. If you have suggestions as to how I may best serve you and the association, please feel free to express your opinion to me.

When prayer time comes around, I earnestly request you to remember me each day in your prayers.

Respectfully submitted,
Thomas E. Berry

ANNUITY BOARD REPORT

The Annuity Board of the Southern Baptist Convention this year added new or increased benefits for most active and retired pastor, church staff members and denominational workers it serves.

For annuitants (retirees, widows and disabled persons) on the roll December 31, 1972, monthly income checks have been permanently increased by 6 per cent. Just before Christmas, 1972, more than 7,000 annuitants received "13th Checks" amounting to the size of two extra months' benefits. The "13th Checks" are paid in addition to the regular monthly payments.

Participants in Plans A-10, A-11, and A-25 on January 1, 1973, had their accrued credits increased by 10 per cent in "good experience credit," and Plan B participants received an additional interest credit based on the Board's good experience on its investments. In addition, the Board approved (subject to action by state convention) an increase in widow benefits under Plan A to 50 per cent of the potential or actual retirement benefit; previously it was 40 per cent. This increase applies to those retiring January 1, 1973, and thereafter.

More than 9,000 insurance policyholders transferred from the previous Health Benefit Plan with Blue Cross-Blue Shield to the new plan begun January 1, 1973, with Aetna Life Insurance Company.

The Board reported several records for its operations in 1972. Funds held in trust for over 38,000 participants in retirement plans passed $300 million for the first time. Investment income reached a new high for 1972 of more than $22 million. Retirement and other protection benefits paid out for the 12-month period surpassed $10 million for the first time.

The total amount of money paid in "13th Checks" exceeded one million dollars, also for the first time. Good investment results in 1972 on funds held to pay benefits account for this dividend.

Income from premiums and dues topped $30 million, another record.

Information on the Annuity Board may be secured by writing:

Development Office
Annuity Board, SBC
511 North Akard Building
Dallas, Texas 75201

NOTE: As of June 1, 1973, in SOUTH MOUNTAIN ASSOCIATION, 11 churches were participating in the Retirement Program.

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. R. L. Ball

BROTHERHOOD REPORT

The concept of Brotherhood has changed because the world in which we live has changed. The Brotherhood organization in each church should be involved in every aspect of the missionary education of that church.

The Baptist Book Store has periodicals and promotional program materials that may be helpful to your church.

The Brotherhood of any church must begin as any other organization of the church begins, first things first. The reason many churches do not have this organization, is that it has never been put in the church budget. I believe this would make the difference in many of the churches in this association.

The church must show interest in the men before the men will show an increased interest in the church. If we believe in missions, we should begin at home (in the church) by putting the MISSIONARY ORGANIZATION of the church in the budget.

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. Ronald L. Martin

SOUTH MOUNTAIN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
PROPOSED BUDGET
1973-1974

Missionary's Salary	$6,400.00
Missionary Expense	200.00
Missionary's Retirement	640.00
Missionary's Health Benefit	255.00
Missionary's Utilities	300.00
Secretary's Salary	300.00
Miscellaneous Supplies	250.00
Machine/Equipment Repair	50.00
Office Equipment	200.00
Postage	150.00
Church Training and M Night	75.00
Sunday School	200.00
W.M.U.	100.00
R.A.	45.00
Minutes	800.00
V.B.S.	100.00
Evangelism	100.00
Brotherhood	25.00
South Mountain Camp	50.00
Church Music	50.00
Clerk's Compensation	200.00
Treasurer's Compensation	200.00
Communication	50.00
Training at Ridgecrest	325.00
Associational Speakers' Fee	150.00

Telephone	300.00
S.S. Director's Compensation	100.00
Missionary's Christmas Gift	50.00
TOTAL	$11,665.00

Respectfully submitted,
Ronald Martin

CHILDRENS' HOME REPORT

The Baptist Childrens' Homes of North Carolina is committed to quality care which nurtures the whole person, physically, mentally, emotionally, and spiritually.

It is our hope that each child in our Homes' care will have the opportunity to develop the full potential which is his by God's creation.

1973 has been a year of development and constructive change. The entire agency has met the standards for child care, and are now licensed by the State of North Carolina.

We now have seven Homes in operation. They are:

Mills Home, Thomasville	1885
Kenedy Home, Kinston	1914
Odum Home, Pembrose	1958
Greer Home, Chapel Hill	1963
Wall Home, Wallburg	1967
Maternity Home, Asheville	1970
Broyhill Home, Waynesville	1971

Three pressing needs are laid on the hearts of Baptists who are concerned for our ministry of Christian child care:

(1) We need many families who will open their homes to accept foster children.
(2) The increase in the cost of food, clothing, supplies and services makes the Cooperative Program and Thanksgiving Offering all the more important.
(3) Several old cottages remain which need to be replaced with new cottages better suited for child care.

Many children in care have been disappointed and let down so many times by adults, that they have lost faith in adults, faith in themselves, and faith in God.

Eternity alone will reveal the number of lives and homes spared destruction during the 88 years of the Homes' existence.

We challenge you to visit, pray, and give to one of the greatest works that Baptists support.

Respectfully submitted,
Fred A. Sain

CHRISTIAN HIGHER EDUCATION REPORT

In North Carolina, Baptist churches and Baptist colleges enjoy a supportive partnership. It is still true that most of our pastors, missionaries, church staff members and denominational leaders are educated in Baptist colleges. Another outstanding example of church-college cooperation is the Baptist Youth Corps, which provided dedicated student leadership for more than eighty North Carolina Baptist churches during the summer of 1973. On campus, the college presidents interpret to the faculty and staff that our churches and colleges play important, complementary roles in the Christian missionary enterprise.

Your North Carolina Baptist colleges continue to be grateful for the support which comes through the Cooperative Program. During 1973, more than two million dollars will be given to support Christian Higher Education. Your colleges share this support as follows:

Campbell College	$340,721

Chowan College	212,951
Gardner-Webb College	249,153
Mars Hill College	296,002
Meredith College	296,002
Wake Forest University	517,471
Wingate College	217,210
	$2,129,510

The colleges make a special effort to recruit North Carolina Baptist students. In fact, no qualified student is turned down in any of our colleges because of inability to pay. The churches help to make this possible through the Cooperative Program and the Baptist College Scholarship Offering on Father's Day. Baptist colleges stress the importance of the individual student, and are anxious to enroll the youth from our churches who plan to attend college. Churches can help their students and their colleges by encouraging interested young people to apply for enrolment in one of the seven North Carolina Baptist colleges.

Since 1945, the cooperative efforts and relationships of North Carolina Baptist colleges have been coordinated by the Council on Christian Higher Education of the Baptist State Convention. The council office is eager to assist both the churches and the colleges as together they help to create persons and a world as Christ would have them.

Respectfully submitted,
Michael Staton

CHURCH TRAINING REPORT

"The Church: The Sunday Night Place." Perhaps you have been seeing these signs for some time. Many are faithful in being in church on Sunday morning, for which we are very thankful, but what about your place on Sunday night? Ask yourself the question, "Where should I be on Sunday night?" Now continue—"Where will I be on Sunday night" The Church is The Sunday Night Place for worship, fellowship, and TRAINING.

Through Church Training we have a privilege to meet together to study and train ourselves to carry out our Lord's work.

Our Church Training Leadership Conference for this past year was held at Carswell Memorial Baptist Church. The "M" Night was held at Zion Hill Baptist Church. Several groups from different churches participated with special singing. The Associational Church Training leaders attended Ridgecrest this summer.

Do you attend Church Training? If not—the time to start is NOW.

Respectfully submitted,
G. C. Wray

COMMITTEES

NOMINATING COMMITTEE
- J. Richard Adams, Chm.
- Russell Huffman
- Fred Sain
- Cecil Cook
- Don Morton

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- Ronald Martin, Chm.
- Bill Clark
- Rev. Carrell Pruette
- Delbert Walker
- Dennis Wright

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- Rev. Ken Simpson, Chm.
- Rev. Dennis Whitley
- Rev. Robert L. Beck
- Rev. Paul Crotts
- Rev. Ralph Staton

MUSIC
- Virgil Buff, Chm.
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- Harry Mull
- Mrs. Della Hudson
- Kenneth Sain

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Rev. Harold Ward
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Respectfully submitted,
Committee on Committees
Edsel Mull, Chairman

SPECIAL APPOINTIVE COMMITTEES

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James Bradley
Fred Sain

ENROLLMENT COMMITTEE:
Kenneth Simpson
Dennis Whitley

TIME, PLACE, PREACHER:
Mrs. Jeannie Simpson
Mrs. Edsel Mull
Mrs. Nell Brittain

COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES:
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G. C. Wray
Warren Yancey
Donald Hoyle
Cecil Buff

COOPERATIVE PROGRAM REPORT

As a Convention, Baptists have decided that the Cooperative Program is the best way to do mission work around the world. It is motivated by the Great Commission, rooted in New Testament practices, and gives hope for the future.

The Cooperative Program is churches joining hands to minister to thousands of homeless children, a ministry to many aged and sick.

Your over 6,000 missionaries whose salaries come from the Cooperative Program won over 60,000 people to Christ last year. Gifts to the Cooperative Program made possible the training of God-called ministers in our six seminaries. The Radio and Television Commission presents the gospel by way of TV and radio because churches give.

Other works made possible are helping the migrants, long-range groups, deaf, and the good-will centers.

The Cooperative Program is giving so that loving hands can minister, so that lips can speak, and feet can go telling the good news that "Jesus Saves". May each of our churches continue to give to the life line of our Southern Baptist work, the COOPERATIVE PROGRAM.

Respectfully submitted,
Edsel Mull

EVANGELISM REPORT

Would you agree with me that Jesus was an Evangelist as well as a Missionary? Then, if evangelism was that important to Jesus, why do we do so little evangelizing today?

The 28th Statewide Evangelism Conference will be at the War Memorial Auditorium, Greensboro, during February 4-6, 1974. At this time many pastors and other interested people can hear truly gifted and God-called people preach God's Word, hear spiritual singing, and be inspired to go back to their fields of service and do a greater work for the Lord.

In the South Mountain Association we had an Evangelism Rally at Wilkie's Grove Baptist Church. The Sun Ray quartet were the special singers. The Rev. Johnnie Tiller brought the evangelistic message. Prior to the service, pastors and other interested people were led in a two-hour study of pre-martial and marriage counseling by the chairman of Evangelism. There was also a wonderful fellowship meal served by the host church.

The Division of Evangelism in cooperation with the Department of City and Metropolitan Missions will sponsor a Metropolitan Missions and Evangelism Seminar on October 1-2 at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary at Wake Forest with the theme "Reaching the Cities for Christ".

It is thrilling what the Holy Spirit is doing through the ministry of our first summer youth evangelism team. Three college students - Steve Stout, Cooleemee; Terry Crouse, Lenoir; and Christy Farrior, Williamston, are leading in music, preaching in youth revivals, and directing youth witness training sessions in the churches from Marshall to Washington.

The response of youth and adults to Lay Evangelism Schools in the past twenty months has been outstanding. 9,564 youth and adults have participated in this lay witness training from 720 churches and 34 associations. Also, 107 pastors from nine associations shared in a Pastors' Retreat to learn how to lead their churches in Lay Evangelism Schools.

Let us thank God for excellent reports of revival meetings, city-wide crusades, and evangelism clinics. Remember to pray for the TOGETHER WE ADVANCE emphasis that we may strive to attain a 10% increase in baptisms, Cooperative Program gifts, Bible Study enrolment and Associational Missions gifts.

Respectfully submitted,
Raymond L. Crook

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

According to the pre-arranged schedule, each meeting of the Executive Committee of the South Mountain Baptist Association was held at Mt. Hebron during the past year. As re-elected moderator, Rev. Staton had general oversight of associational matters. On several occasions, he shared the responsibility of presiding with the vice-moderator and others. Our officers have furnished leadership and inspiration for activities but are highly conscious of the lack of participation and cooperation among many of our churches. We desire deeper commitment and greater loyalty to our denominational program and associational activities. These are prerequisites if we hope to carry on and improve the work of our Lord.

Due to the brief period of hospitalization, Rev. Staton designated Rev. Richard Adams to preside in his absence. As chairman of the nominating committee, Rev. Adams brought to our attention that we did not have a person serving in the capacity of Sunday School Director. This vacancy existed at the time of the annual meeting and had not yet been filled. We were urged to pray and give careful consideration to the election of a person to the position.

Rev. Berry, Superintendent of Missions, publicized and promoted Sunday School work by relaying to us the theme of the state emphasis; "One for One". In promoting this idea, the Convention arranged a series of one night revivals to be held in Morganton, Hickory, and Shelby. Pastors, Sunday School Directors, and teachers were urged to attend.

Rev. G. C. Wray, as Church Training Director, is greatly concerned about the opportunities our churches are offering our people to improve themselves in various training programs. He volunteered his services to any church more desirous of better planning and execution of

training opportunities. He furnished leadership and inspiration which resulted in our various associational leaders attending the Leadership Workshop at Ridgecrest.

Rev. Berry announced and participated in the state-wide Vacation Bible School Clinic held in Wingate. To the meeting, we sent a full staff of workers to receive training to lead our own associational clinic. We fell that this is a most worthwhile program and its benefits are being felt as we see the number of churches grow and experience increased enrolments. Our clinic was set for April 23 at Zion Hill. Rev. Wray made the recommendation that churches provide for Adult Bible School Training.

Due to the years of service and increased use of equipment, it became necessary this year to replace some office machines to facilitate the work of the Superintendent of Missions and keep open the lines of communication. We purchased a new typewriter and duplicating machine. Correspondence and requests for special donations from churches made this purchase possible without upsetting our budget.

The pastors, in their regularly scheduled conference, proposed that we have in our association a representative from the State Annuity Board to discuss with church leaders the program which provides retirement and insurance for pastors. This meeting was arranged with the State Convention and was held on April 19 at Zoar Baptist Church. Several churches sent representatives and several pastors received the benefit of the program provided by their churches.

The Nominating Committee was unable to find a Sunday School Director by the time they presented the report to the annual meeting. However, on April 10, Rev. Adams, as chairman of the committee, placed in nomination the name of Don Morton and he was unanimously elected.

During the year, special emphasis and programs have been promoted by W.M.U., Brotherhood, and Evangelism. We appreciate the efforts and accomplishments of the leaders of these various organizations.

We were favored on several occasions by special music and musical programs planned and executed by our music director, Mr. Virgil Buff, and pianist, Mrs. Flo Buff. Our appreciation goes to them and all participants in the Associational Choir.

Those in positions of leadership in the various divisions of our denominational and associational work have done a tremendous job of publicizing and promoting their activities. We regret that all churches and members do not more fully cooperate and avail themselves of the opportunities afforded for improved service. Our concern is always for 100% cooperation, better attendance at associational meetings, and greater determination to do what we believe to be the Lord's work. Correspondence from the office of our Superintendent of Missions has been most effective in reporting and promoting all phases of our work. We look forward to this continued service and hope we shall see fruits for our labor.

Respectfully submitted,
Lucille Upton

FOREIGN MISSIONS REPORT

The Great Commission of our Lord has a deep place in the hearts of Southern Baptists. The report reflects what is made possible by love, prayer, missionary giving, and life commitment of people in churches throughout the entire Southern Baptist Convention.

Earnest prayer is requested that some areas now closed to missionary service may soon open their doors to enable God's servants to resume their efforts on behalf of millions of people who need to know Christ.

The Foreign Mission Board's 127th year ended on a theme of urgent need to reinforce Southern Baptist efforts toward advance in foreign missions. The urgency was made evident by requests from the mission fields for 800 new missionaries. In view of this urgency, Dr. Cauthen recently called for the number of missionaries to be increased well beyond the 3,000 mark by the end of this decade.

A 14-week orientation session for newly appointed missionaries is held semi-annually at

Pine Mountain, Georgia. The purpose of this session is to enable the participants to adapt more quickly to their new overseas situation and to facilitate the beginning of effective missionary ministry. Formal orientation sessions began in 1954. Prior to that date, informal orientation from the Foreign Mission Board and its staff was conducted. The director and a staff of 14 persons are employed at the orientation center. The two sessions normally begin in January and September.

Our work continues in Africa, Europe, the Middle East, and East Asia. Progress is reported in Middle America and the Carribbean. Tension has released in South America. The long awaited peace has come to Southeast Asia.

There are 6,554 churches on overseas fields. Among these 4,947 are self-supporting. 57,366 baptisms were reported. There are 7,447 mission points. The total overseas church membership is 754,731.

Total contributions of Southern Baptists for Foreign Mission was $35,439,515, to the Cooperative Program $15,252,685, to the Lottie Moon offering $17,785,413, and other contributions amounted to $2,401,417.

The employment record for 1972 was 244 persons—41 administrative, 165 regular, and 39 part-time.

Matthew 28:19-20 is still the key to winning the world to Jesus. Let us pray that God will give us the courage and strength to carry out this Great Commission.

Respectfully submitted,
Raymond L. Crook

HOME MISSION REPORT

At the close of another year, there is reason for encouragement and optimism. During the past year the American people have been open to the gospel more than at any other time in the last decade. Baptisms have set a new record during 1972. There were some 452,000, highest ever and is the second consecutive year Southern Baptists have reported over 400,000 baptisms. This is one of the strong indicators of a fresh responsiveness among both youth and adults. As the war in Indo-China winds down, the Board's concern for the spiritual, moral, and social problems of our nation through its assigned program continues.

This work can be seen particularly in the programs of: evangelism, Christian social ministries, work with National Baptists, language missions, interfaith chaplaincy, church loans, establishing new pioneer churches, missions in pioneer, rural urban, metropolitan, and associational missions helps.

There are about 2,201 Home missionaries. These missionaries reported a total of 57,481 professions of faith during the year.

This force has not increased very much each year. There are people available to be assigned. However, rising costs of living prohibit any significant increase in the missionary force. Let each of us pray and seek God's will as we begin to think about a new budget for a new year. Only when we increase our gifts can the missionary force increase to tell others about Christ.

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. Harold Ward

NORTH CAROLINA BAPTIST HOMES FOR THE AGING REPORT

One of the most meaningful things that you do as a Baptist is the share that you have in the ministry of your North Carolina Baptist Homes for the Aging. As you look back with us upon the twenty-two years of this ministry, and the last year in particular, there are distinctive blessings that we would like to call to your mind and heart.

In the first place, there is no greater realization that we can have together than the awareness of the fact that this special ministry to older people is a venture of faith in God. It always has been. We hope that it always will be. God has brought us from one Home to five resident

Homes, with two located in Winston-Salem (Resthaven and the Hayes Home), and one each in Albemarle, Hamilton, and Yanceyville. These Homes have a capacity for 162 residents, and there is a Nursing Care Unit in Winston-Salem, with a capacity for 63 patients, and serving all of the Homes' residents, when nursing care is needed. Four out of every five persons who come to us in our Homes for the Aging are persons whose income is very limited. They look to you, through your love gifts, for a supplement to their care, and all of us look to the Lord continually for His great love. This, therefore, is a venture of faith.

Never forget that this is your ministry, on behalf of Christ, to older persons and that they simply could not be ministered unto without your love gifts. Specifically, during the past year, through your gifts, you contributed $185 a month for the care of the majority of the residents in your five Baptist Homes. Through the Special Offering you contributed 20% of the total income of the Homes, and through the Cooperative Program, you gave 10% of the total budget needed. The tie that binds this ministry to the hearts of our Baptist people and our Baptist Churches is a very special one and a very distinctive one indeed.

Be glad also for the fact that your love gifts make possible quality care. It has often been said of the ministry of our Baptist Homes that there is no finer care that an older person can receive this side of Heaven than the care given in our Homes for the Aging. Everything that we do for Christ should be this way, and we are certainly trying to give Him our best day by day in our ministry to the older people in our care. There is someone serving around the clock, watching over the residents and patients even as they sleep. One of our Supervisors, or "Mothers", as they are often called, was given the name of "Guardian Angel", when a resident, during an illness discovered later that the "Mother" was keeping vigil just outside her door.

God bless you for your share in this ministry to the Aging, which is both special and distinctive. Pray for us, come to see us, and continue to support this ministry as liberally and loyally in the future as you have in the past.

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. Darrell Pruette

NORTH CAROLINA BAPTIST HOSPITAL REPORT

In May of this year Baptist Hospital observed its 50th Anniversary. The hospital opened its doors in May of 1923 "to bring the healing art more definitely under the dominion of the Great Healer."

The anniversary was celebrated jointly with the dedication of the new Reynolds Tower, a 16-story patient care facility. The completion of the Tower brings the total bed capacity to 655, placing Baptist Hospital within the top 10 per cent (in size) among hospitals in the United States. When the renovation of older sections of the hospital is completed the total number of beds will be 717.

Construction has begun on an ambulatory care building which will house the emergency room, several outpatient clinics, the Physical Therapy Department, and an Oncology (Cancer) Clinic and Research Laboratories. This building and the above-mentioned renovation will complete the present Medical Center Development Program.

Last November the Baptist State Convention heard the report of the Committee of 15 and adopted its recommendations. The hospital has been seeking to implement these recommendations:

1. A Medical Center Committee, composed of 8 Trustees from the Baptist Hospital Board and 8 from the Wake Forest University Board has been appointed. This committee will consider matters involving the Medical Center and its future operation.

2. In January the hospital trustees appointed a committee of three to review appropriations from the Mother's Day fund and assist hospital personnel in making decisions on some specific requests for assistance. The hospital continues to provide care for people who cannot pay, valued far in excess of the total Mother's Day Offering. The auditor's confirmed value of this care in 1972 was $1,390,000—nearly four times the amount of the Mother's Day Offering—and this does not include the value of physicians' services, provided without cost to these service patients.

3. The Department of Pastoral Care is expanding its services to provide training for lay people. Dr. Mahan Siler joined the staff June 1 to head up this new work. The Department also anticipates the establishment of several satellite counseling and training centers in the state, beginning in the near future. Your Cooperative Program gifts support the work of this department.

The hospital's financial operation is "in the black", and there has not been a general room rate increase in 2 1/2 years. As of this date, the Mother's Day Offerings are running ahead of last year.

Respectfully submitted,
Harold B. Dellinger

IN MEMORIAM

"At home with the Lord." (2 Corinthians 5:8 - R.V.)

They are gone! No longer shrinking from the Winter wind; No longer shielding themselves from the Summer sun; No longer fearing the loneliness of the first cool nights of Autumn; No longer waiting for the first buds of Spring to appear. They no longer have to toil painfully for sustenance and substance. No longer here, they are there—seeing, knowing, loving as they are loved, laughing, rejoicing in the Lord, as only the blessed see and know and love. Earth has some angels less; and Heaven has that many more since last we met.

"God brings them home; now they behold
His face,
Receiving, as they serve Him, grave
for grace.
The lowliest in the ranks of the redeemed
Have great possessions—above all they
dreamed.
God brings them home, His children
of the light;
They live the life abundant in His
sight.
There is a break; their works do follow
them
Still are they builders of Jerusalem.

(From the poem, "The
Completing God" by
H. Elvert Lewis)

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. Frank Hicks

Our Beloved Dead

ABEE'S CHAPEL	Mr. Jack Reed, Deacon Mrs. Donnie Lowman Mr. Alvin Stephens Mrs. Fannie Heavner Mr. J. A. Willis Mr. Sebron Stamey
BEREA	Mrs. Alice Hart
CORINTH	Mr. Grady McNeilly, Deacon
DROWNING CREEK	Mr. James Buckner
MIDWAY	Mr. Everette Joplin
MT. CALVARY	Mrs. Artie Stillwell
MT. HEBRON	Miss Mae Lowman Mrs. Muriel Deacon
MT. VERNON	Mr. Paul Brendle
MT. ZION	Mr. C. B. Lindsay, Deacon Mrs. Ada Price Mr. Ricky Short
OAK RIDGE	Mr. Frank Oscar Edwards, Jr. Mrs. J. V. White
OLIVE GROVE	Mr. Charlie Crotts, Deacon Mr. Millard Parker Mr. Lee Walker
PHILADELPHIA	Mrs. Emma Poteat Mr. Amos Fredell Mrs. Media Franklin
PISGAH	Mr. N. W. Pruett Mr. David Pruett Mr. Fred Canipe
PLEASANT GROVE	Mrs. Alice C. Davis Mrs. Annie Clark
ST. JOHN'S	Mr. Ralph Tallent Miss Bertha Huffman

ST. PAUL	Mr. A. K. Costner, Deacon Mrs. Bessie Crotts Mrs. Bessie White Mr. Coleman Canipe Mr. Homer Cook Mrs. Carl Smith
SHOUP'S GROVE	Mr. Tommy Hill Mr. Clifford Brittain
SMART'S GROVE	Mrs. Linnie Mace
SOUTH FORK	Mr. Allen Eckard
WALKER'S CHAPEL	Mrs. Lemmie Cook Mrs. Ida Huffman
WILKIE'S GROVE	Mrs. Alice Wilkie Mr. Billy Fortenberry
ZION HILL	Mr. J. B. Propst

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

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Vice Moderator ..... Rev. J. Richard Adams
Treasurer ..... Miss Doris Upton
Clerk ..... Miss Lucille Upton
Sunday School Director ..... Don Morton
Church Training Director ..... Rev. G. C. Wray
Brotherhood Director ..... Kenneth Sain
W.M.U. President ..... Mrs. Jesse Fortenberry
R.A. Leader ..... Ricky Sain
Music Director ..... Virgil Buff
Pianist ..... Mrs. Flo Buff
Historian ..... Mrs. Gail Morton

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Religious Literature ..... Rev. Cecil Buff

Christian Stewardship ..... Rev. Hugh Bolick
Obituaries ..... Mrs. Adene Hicks
Children's Home ..... Fred Sain
Home For The Aging ..... Warren Yancy
American Bible Society ..... Rev. Kenneth Simpson

J. Richard Adams, Chairman
Fred Sain - Cecil Cook
Russell Huffman - Don Morton

PUBLIC MORALS AND TEMPERANCE REPORT

We are living in a time when prosperity and opportunity are beckoning us on every hand. With the service of the vast network of communications and news media we can observe the social, economic, political and religious growth of our nation as well as that of other nations that inhabit this good earth.

Let us take a look at the economic and religious status of the United States of America. We are the richest nation in the world in natural resources. We are an industrialized society with more than 82 million people employed. With the specialization of labor and being interdependent upon each other, we have a productivity rate unsurpassed in history, by that we are receiving the highest standard of living of any nation. With this economic strength we can surely say that we live in the garden spot of the world.

Our religious status is something for which we are grateful. We have the freedom of worship with church houses dotting our neighborhoods and religious institutions of higher learning. The Bible is being printed in every language and dialect. Even with the statistics of our Baptist Conventions, we can say that we are a Christian nation.

I believe the pioneering and growth of our nation came about as "just rewards" for our belief in God as omnipotent and Father of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

While we view our conditions, and hear the reports from our missionaries and the news media, we are aware of the other countries that are hungry, in war with each other. Their children are being reared in a hostile environment, with little hope of independence and freedom that we Americans are enjoying.

Let us stop and think for a moment! Can this happen to me, to my country? Biblical history plainly reads that many great and powerful nations rose to great economic and religious heights and suddenly they fell. It was not because they lacked wealth, prosperity and a high standard of living. They fell because of sin and disobedience to God. This indicates to us the ever-present existence of sin and evil in humanity. Sin surrounds us like the air we breathe.

Let us note Paul's first letter to the Corinthians (10:12-13), the sin or moral complacency. Paul says: "Let anyone who thinks he stands take heed, lest he fall."

Even today we are confronted with an issue of alcoholic beverages. With the world it is an issue, but to the Christian people it should be a sounding "NO". However, it is our duty & obligation to uphold the laws of our land. With this I say to all in one accord, let us make this November 6, 1973, a date to take positive action to set forth the laws that meet God's approval.

Our South Mountain Baptist Association is an important part that makes us a great nation. Let us renew our faith and continue on with the task set before us in teaching the true doctrines of the Christian faith.

Respectfully submitted,
Russell L. Huffman

REPORT ON CHRISTIAN LITERATURE

In our world today, nothing stays very long that does not have some definite purpose and mission.

As an aid in the development of our minds and the building of strong, Christian character, Baptists are blessed by publications of good Christian literature.

We have our Baptist state paper, THE BIBLICAL RECORDER. J. Marse Grant, editor, informs us that a milestone was reached this year with over 100,000 mark in circulation, the highest in the 140 year history of the RECORDER. Those of you who receive the RECORDER know what it contains each week—timely editorials, news of your fellow Baptist churches and fellow Christians, excellent photographs and covers, interesting personal column, letters to the editor, and many other features that makes this Baptist family journal devoted to that which is wholesome and helpful.

At the state level, THE CHARITY AND CHILDREN paper keeps us informed about our Children's Homes and the care given to the children there.

Our mission literature under the direction of the Foreign and Home Mission Boards is aptly presented by THE COMMISSION and HOME MISSION magazines. In these publications Southern Baptists can see their dollars, prayers, their love, and those who have been called to the mission fields at work for the Lord Jesus.

We are always grateful for our Sunday School literature and Church Training literature which helps us to be a more informed Christian and witness of God.

Let us take advantage of these and any other Christian literature we have with us that we as Baptists, in our democratic form of church government, might be better informed in our witness for Christ.

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. Paul Robinson

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

The Resolutions Committee wishes to make the following expressions of thanks and appreciation:

1. We should give thanks to God for the privilege of fellowship with Him through Jesus Christ Our Lord.
2. We express appreciation to our moderator, Rev. Ralph Staton, and vice-moderator, Rev. Richard Adams, for the work carried on during the past year.
3. We wish to express our thanks to all of the associational officers and committees who have labored and served well during the past year.
4. We wish to commend Wilkie's Grove Baptist Church and St. John's Baptist Church for being excellent hosts to our annual meeting.
5. Finally, may we as individuals and as congregations take a firm stand for Our Lord and serve Him faithfully until death calls or Christ returns in Power and Great Glory.

Respectfully submitted,
Thomas Berry
Dennis Whitley

SOUTH MOUNTAIN BAPTIST CAMP REPORT

God continues to pour out His Spirit upon our camp. Campers were made aware of His Presence, His Demand for Commitment, and to make Him known AROUND THE WORLD. Our program was built around the theme "MAKING CHRIST KNOWN". Campers were led in a discussion each day that helped them to know Christ or to know Him better. Mission education is a strong emphasis in our program.

Including the staff, our average attendance was 249 each week. 4,600 attended some kind of organized activity. 350 attended from our association.

1,340 made a decision for Christ. 304 were saved, 949 made rededications and 84 made commitments for full-time Christian service. Everyone was challenged by missionaries, missionaries' kids, and by Joshua Chow, a Chinese member of our staff. An additional 350 made decisions through the outreach ministry of our staff. We have already conducted services in 20 churches this year.

We are indeed grateful to all of the churches who let us use their cottages. It would have been impossible for us to have reached the great numbers that we did without their help.

CONSTITUTION AND IMPROVEMENTS: Addition to the assembly building for a store, storage space, sleeping room for the boys on the staff, enlarged parking area, built a retaining wall and sowed grass on play area near assembly, new floor and painted staff cabin, repaired and winterized Harris cottage, winterized the assembly building. The missionary cottage and care taker's home is near completion and we now have bunk beds in nine cabins.

IMMEDIATE NEEDS: Improvements of cabins and beds, single and double mattresses, picnic tables, a fireplace built in the assembly building, and a CHAPEL to seat 400.

We are grateful to churches and associations who have us in their budget. Thanks to many individuals who make annual gifts to the camp. Several more churches have put us in their budget this year. Thanks to Missionary John McGee for a check for $500.00 on our Chapel Fund. We urge every church to help us to build this much needed chapel.

Respectfully submitted,
T. A. Lineberger

STATE MISSIONS REPORT

Our churches are working together to evangelize the world. Matthew 28:19-20 tells us to start at home and then go to the far regions of the world telling all people about salvation through Jesus Christ. If we are going to win this sin-cursed world to Christ, then we are going to win them by working together as an army of soldiers. Our people are soldiers of the Cross - soldiers who have joined together to form the greatest force of Christian arms the world has ever seen.

Now, our churches are not large enough to send out missionaries separately. Each and every Christian should be a witness or missionary, but there are many needful ministries that we cannot perform as do the special ministries of our State Mission Board. Some of these specialized ministries include work at Cherokee and Pembroke, promotion and coordination of World Mission Conferences, support of part-time chaplaincies in several correctional institutions, assistance in witnessing to and enlisting for service Orientals and Spanish speaking peoples. A specialized ministry to the deaf includes evangelizing, teaching, and counseling of the deaf.

Also included is a cooperative plan for seminary extension and a rapidly growing resort ministry. Fruitland Baptist Institute is an area of State Missions. Our cities need Baptist Centers and other expressions of Christian social and evangelistic concern. State Missions promotes and supports a vigorous ministry in the inner city. State Missions continues a specialized ministry with other races.

State Missions serves the pastor and the local church. New churches are encouraged by loans and grants of Lot Aid. Needy churches are given financial aid until they can become self-supporting. Pastors are directly helped through Annuity supplements.

State Missions is a cooperative ministry by the churches to people who need God and other churches that need help.

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. Dennis Whitley

STEWARDSHIP

SOUTH MOUNTAIN ASSOCIATION

Report of Cooperative Program Receipts

COOPERATIVE PROGRAM gifts actually received by the Business Office of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina from January 1-June 30, 1973. These gifts are divided among ALL missions, educational, and benevolent work of the denomination.

Special Offerings from the churches are NOT included in these figures. Check with your church records and please report any difference to the Business Office, P. O. Box 26508, Raleigh, N. C. 27611.

Abees Chapel	.00	Oak Ridge	1000.00
Berea	3319.73	Olive Grove	.00
Beulah	.00	Philadelphia	37.16
Carswell Memorial	30.00	Pisgah	281.58
Corinth	240.00	St. Johns	.00
Faith Olive	44.83	Pleasant Grove	.00
Grace and Truth	.00	St. Paul	210.00
Hildebran View	.00	Shoupes Grove	375.00
Midway	.00	Smarts Grove	.00
Mt. Calvary	.00	South Fork	365.77
Mt. Gilead	.00	Tabernacle	.00
Mt. Vernon	1096.16	Walkers Chapel	.00
Mt. Hebron	1559.25	Wilkies Grove	1472.80
Mt. Zion	217.15	Zion Hill	509.34
Mulls Chapel	56.59	Zoar	.00
		Total	$10,815.36

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

As this year comes to a close, we must thank God for the many blessings He has given us.

One of the things we undertook this year was the Teacher Improvement Workshop which was held August 27 and 28 at St. Paul Baptist Church. We feel this was a great success. The attendance for these two nights was tremendous with 177 on Monday and 149 on Tuesday. We say "To God be the glory."

We thank each church and their people who were represented in this workshop. We feel certain that everyone who attended received a blessing.

As we face a new year, we have several new plans and opportunities which will help each of us in our Sunday School work. So let us make a new vow that we will work and strive together for the glory of God and His Kingdom.

Respectfully submitted,
Don Morton

TIME, PLACE, PREACHER

Time: October 17-18, 1974
Place: St. Paul
Shoup's Grove
Preacher: Missionary Message
Rev. Ronald Martin
Rev. Edsel Mull - Alternate

Doctrinal Message
Rev. Kenneth Simpson
Rev. H. B. Dellinger, Alternate

SOUTH MOUNTAIN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
FINANCIAL REPORT
September 1, 1972 to August 31, 1973

Balance on Hand 9/1/72		$1,304.31
RECEIPTS:		
Miscellaneous	$326.18	
Baptist State Convention	1,703.00	
Abee's Chapel	295.00	
Berea	575.00	
Beulah	128.75	
Carswell Memorial	175.00	
Corinth	285.00	
Drowning Creek	37.50	
Faith Olive	59.02	
Grace and Truth	12.50	
Hildebran View	10.00	
Midway	20.00	
Mt. Calvary	10.00	
Mt. Gilead	15.00	
Mt. Hebron	271.00	
Mt. Vernon	823.41	
Mt. Zion	75.00	
Mull's Chapel	65.00	
Oak Ridge	710.00	
Olive Grove	71.25	
Philadelphia	331.72	
Pisgah	180.00	
Pleasant Grove	30.00	
St. John's	40.00	
St. Paul	30.00	
Shoup's Grove	278.75	
Smart's Grove	50.00	
South Fork	682.07	
Tabernacle	25.00	
Walker's Chapel	32.51	
Wilkies' Grove	1,800.78	
Zion Hill	813.61	
Zoar	40.00	
Total Receipts	$10,002.05	
Balance on Hand and Total Receipts		$11,306.36
EXPENSES:		
Missionary's Salary	$4,483.32	
Missionary's Expense	200.00	
Missionary's Health Benefit	255.00	
Missionary's Utilities	291.67	
Secretary's Salary	300.00	
Miscellaneous Supplies	138.44	
Office Equipment	822.70	
Postage	94.15	
Church Training & M Night	6.35	
Sunday School	187.76	
W.M.U.	100.00	

Minutes	325.96	
Vacation Bible School	53.72	
Evangelism	54.00	
South Mountain Camp	50.00	
Clerk's Compensation	150.00	
Treasurer's Compensation	125.00	
Training at Ridgecrest	316.50	
Telephone	223.92	
Missionary's Christmas Gift	50.00	
Recreation	50.00	
Total Expense		8,278.49
Balance on Hand 8/31/73		$3,027.87

Respectfully submitted,
Doris Upton

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION REPORT

Woman's Missionary Union has set some difficult goals for the years, 1972-73 and 1973-74. They are in the so-called "Giant Step" which states that we will work toward a twenty-five percent increase in organizations and membership on the Associational and church levels all across the state.

This is an ambitious two-year goal; and I am sorry to report that we did not achieve half of this goal last year.

We are praying that in this year ahead, we will do much better. Please contact me if you are willing to start an adult or youth missionary organization in your church.

We have in the churches of this association a total of fifty-seven missionary organizations in fourteen churches. There are:

9 Mission Friends
12 Girls in Action
16 Acteens
6 Baptist Young Women
14 Baptist Women

We have one new youth organization this year - a Girls-in-Action group at Philadelphia. We have heard some good reports on the work this group is doing.

All of the youth of all of our churches need to be learning about mission work and mission needs around the world. If they never know they will never become concerned about them; nor will they be likely to give themselves to be missionaries or to full-time church-related vocations.

At our annual spring meeting we were inspired, informed, and pleased with the participation of the women and youth of our churches who presented the program. We were especially happy to have two Acteen groups presenting a musical program and a skit on stewardship.

Five of our associational leaders attended the leadership workshop at Fruitland in August and two went to Ridgecrest. We don't know it all, but we would like to help start missionary organizations in all the churches in our association that do not have any WMU work in them.

It takes work, and faith, and prayer, and patience, and perseverance to keep W.M.U. work alive in a church. But, it is well worth all this effort if we can cause people to become aware of the importance of giving the gospel to the whole world.

We would like to express our appreciation to the associational W.M.U. leaders who have been willing to give of their time and energy to learn and train themselves in order to teach the church leaders.

We also want to thank the church W.M.U. leaders and members who have been faithful in little or much to keep missionary work alive in their respective churches.

And our thanks go to the pastors who have been patient and helpful to the missionary organizations in their churches.

The opportunities and challenges of another year have come and gone, and the women and youth in our churches need to rise to greater zeal and dedication, in this new year, to the command of our Lord Jesus Christ to spread the gospel in our communities and to the ends of the earth.

Respectfully submitted,
Mavis Fortenberry

RECREATION REPORT

Interest has been better this year, especially in the men's league. We did not have a women's league but hope this is not true next year.

We had eight teams of boys age 13-17, six teams of girls age 9 and up; also, six teams of boys age 6-12. The boys and girls tournament was played during August.

We also had an invitational tournament for the men. Central Baptist and Drexel Memorial Baptist churches were the two teams other than our regular teams to play in the tournament.

Our men's teams are becoming more competitive each year. This calls for improvements in many ways and more expense.

We played teams outside our association in order to have an eight team league. I think it is wonderful for the South Mountain Baptist Association to provide something for PEOPLE that joining an association does not do.

We had a total of twenty-eight teams.

The county is now offering more than the Association. The churches may have lost what I was hoping they would not, Control!

Respectfully submitted,
Lee Roy Childers, Sr.

Church Directory

ORGANISTS
(OR PIANIST IF NO ORGANIST)

Abee's Chapel	Gail Duckworth, Box 27, Valdese 28690
Berea	Mrs. Vergil Buff, Box 462, Hildebran 28637
Beulah	Mrs. Danny Young, Rt. 3, Vale 28168
Carswell Memorial	Mrs. Reba Berry, Rt. 4, Morganton 28655
Corinth	Mrs. Ruby Short, Rt. 1, Casar 28020
Drowning Creek	Mrs. Floyd Decker
Faith Olive	Mrs. Louise Bowman, Rt. 8, Hickory 28601
Grace and Truth	
Hildebran View	Abbie Shook, Rt. 1, Box 277A, Conn. Spr. 28612
Hoyle Memorial	Sanford Burns, Valdese 28690
Midway	
Mt. Calvary	Belinda Lowman, Rt. 1, Connelly Springs 28612
Mt. Gilead	Wanda Mull, Rt. 1, Connelly Springs 28612
Mt. Hebron	

Mt. Vernon ..... Cheryl Ann Jenks, Rt. 2, Vale 28168
Mt. Zion ..... Libby Angel, Rt. 1, Casar 28020
Mull's Chapel ..... Mrs. Mary Ruth Heavner, Rt. 3, Vale 28168
Oak Ridge ..... Mrs. Lydia Pierce
Olive Grove ..... Mrs. Eva Walker, Rt. 1, Casar 28020
Philadelphia ..... Mrs. Marilyn Brittain, Rt. 1, Conn. Spr. 28612
Pisgah ..... Mrs. Jerold Norman, Rt. 1, Casar 28020
Pleasant Grove ..... Norma Jean Martin, Rt. 1, Box 225, Conn. Spr. 28612
St. John's ..... Sylvia Willis, Rt. 4, Hickory 28601
St. Paul ..... Bentha Cook, Rt. 1, Casar 28020
Shoup's Grove ..... Linda Kiser, Box 89, Icard 28666
Smart's Grove ..... Mrs. Mabel Lowman, Rt. 3, Box 890, Conn. Spr. 28612
South Fork ..... Sharon Lail, Rt. 1, Box 106, Conn. Spr. 28612
Tabernacle ..... Mrs. Cecil Towery, Rt. 1, Lawndale 28090
Walker's Chapel ..... Mrs. Blaka Bradley, Rt. 4, Morganton 28655
Wilkie's Grove ..... Donna Proctor, Rt. 4, Hickory 28601
Zion Hill ..... Mrs. Frank Hicks, Rt. 3, Lawndale 28090
Zoar ..... Mrs. Brenda Chapman, Rt. 1, Casar 28020

ORDAINED MINISTERS

Abee's Chapel ..... Rev. Ralph Abee, Rt. 1, Connelly Springs 28612
Rev. Wayne Floyd, Rt. 2, Connelly Springs 28612
Berea ..... Rev. Paul Robinson, Rt. 3, Box 508, Conn. Spr. 28612
Rev. Thomas Berry, Box 306, Connelly Spr. 28612
Drowning Creek ..... Rev. Elwood Caulder, North Newton
Grace and Truth ..... Rev. Troy Smith, Hudson 28638
Mt. Calvary ..... Rev. Stanley Brittain, Rt. 1, Conn. Spr. 28612
Rev. Julius Hildebran, Rt. 1, Conn. Spr. 28612
Mt. Vernon ..... Rev. Ford Houser, Rt. 2, Vale 28168
Rev. D. C. Wesson, Rt. 2, Vale 28168
Olive Grove ..... Rev. Tony Hull, Rt. 1, Casar 28020
St. Paul ..... Rev. R. A. Brackett, Rt. 1, Casar 28020
Shoup's Grove ..... Rev. James Powell, Jr., Icard 28666
Smart's Grove ..... Rev. M. M. Smart, Rt. 3, Connelly Spr. 28612
Rev. John Abee, Rt. 3, Connelly Spr. 28612
Zion Hill ..... Rev. T. A. Lineberger, Rt. 1, Conn. Spr. 28612
Rev. Carrell Pruette, Rt. 2, Vale 28168
Zoar ..... Rev. J. C. Spake, Rt. 1, Casar 28020

LICENSED MINISTERS

Hoyle Memorial ..... Estes Shoup, Rt. 3, Lawndale 28090
Midway ..... Lex Wright, Rt. 8, Box 646, Hickory 28601
Olive Grove ..... Donald E. Morrison, Rt. 3, Lawndale 28090
St. John's ..... Jinks Brittain, Rt. 1, Connelly Spr. 28612
St. Paul ..... Roy Hastings, Rt. 1, Lawndale 28090
Shoup's Grove ..... Clyde Houston, Icard 28666
Smart's Grove ..... Clarence Hildebran, Rt. 3, Conn. Spr. 28612
Tabernacle ..... Albert Hoyle, Rt. 1, Casar 28020
Wilkie's Grove ..... Michael Staton, Rt. 4, Box 470, Hickory 28601

SPECIAL NOTES

Carswell Memorial has had a donation of land for a cemetery.

Corinth has paved their parking area.

Hildebran View has redecorated the interior of their church by installing paneling.

Mt. Calvary is supporting a missionary in Mexico.

Olive Grove has paid off the indebtedness on their pastorium. They also ordained Buren Walker as a new deacon.

St. John's has paid off the indebtedness on their pastorium and have dug a new well to supplement their water supply.

South Fork has ordained George Lee Huffman, Jr. as a minister.

TABLE A CHURCH MEMBERSHIP AND OTHER INFORMATION 1973

Association: SOUTH MOUNTAIN
State: NORTH CAROLINA
Associational Clerk: MISS LUCILLE UPTON
Address: Rt. 2, Box 321 City: Vale State: North Carolina Zip: 28168

1—Open Country; 2—Village (under 500 pop.); 3—Town (500-2499); 4—Small City (2500-9,999); Medium City (10,000-49,999): 5—Downtown, 6—Neighborhood, 7—Suburban; Large City (50,000 or more): 8—Downtown, 9—Neighborhood, 0—Suburban

CHURCHES	PASTORS & ADDRESSES	1 County	2 Year organized as a church	3 Location	Services held twice on Sunday? Y	Services held twice on Sunday? N	11 Total Baptisms	12 Other additions (by letter, statement, etc.)	13 Members lost (by letter, death, statement, etc.)	14 Present resident members	15 Present nonresident members	16 Grand total present members	17 No. members received from non-Baptist Churches	18 No. members lost to non-Baptist Churches	23 Value of pastor's home if owned by the church	24 Value of church property including pastor's home	25 Total church debt at end of this associational year
Abee's Chapel	Mack Hodge, Box 157 Valdese 28690	Burke	1886	1	x		4	3	12	296	65	361	0	0	40000	110000	0
Berea		Burke	1947	1	x		15	5	16	369	20	389	0	0	30000	146500	49452
Beulah	Darrell Pruett, Rt. 3, Vale 28168	Catawba	1905	1	x		0	2	1	88	67	157	0	0	0	50000	0
Carswell Memorial	G. C. Wray, Rt. 2, Box 338, Valdese 28690	Burke	1938	1	x		2	2	0	123	8	131	0	0	0	60000	0
Corinth	Cecil Buff, Box 576, Lawndale 28090	Cleveland	1884	1		x	8	3	2	264	34	298	0	0	0	87000	0
Drowning Creek	Roy Craig, Catawba Ave., Rhodhiss 28667	Burke	1952	1	x		16	1	4	20	29	49	0	0	0	20000	0
Faith Olive	Hugh C. Bolick, Rt. 4, Box 254C, Hickory 28601	Catawba	1965	2	x		20	5	10	58	25	83	0	0	0	40000	2295
Grace And Truth		Burke	1955	1	x		0	0	5	18	19	37	0	0	0	5000	0
Hildebran View	Stanley Brittain, Rt. 1, Box 277A, Conn. Spr., 28612	Burke	1946	1		x	2	0	2	12	30	42	0	0	0	5000	0
Hoyle Memorial	Toney Hull, Rt. 1, Casar 28020	Cleveland	1967	1	x		1	4	0	10	31	41	0	0	0	13000	400
Midway	Grady McCurry, Rt. 4, Box 837 E. Hickory 28601	Burke	1956	1	x		5	7	12	174	0	174	0	0	0	35000	0
Mt. Calvary	Mack Annas, 189 Walt Arney Rd., Lenoir 28645	Burke	1952	1	x		7	1	5	115	0	115	0	0	0	20000	0
Mt. Gilead	Ottis Cook, Rt. 1, Casar 28020	Burke	1830	1		x	6	0	0	101	48	149	0	0	0	20500	0
Mt. Hebron	Raymond Crook, Rt. 3, Box 3, Box 702, Conn. Spr., 28612	Burke	1870	1		x	21	7	8	248	86	334	1	0	8000	43000	0
Mt. Vernon	Paul Crotts, Rt. 3, Vale 29168	Lincoln	1840	1	x		2	5	5	248	75	323	0	2	12000	130000	0
Mt. Zion	Z. W. Settlemyer, Box 296, Cherryville 28021	Cleveland	1848	1		x	8	1	3	55	136	191	0	0	0	12000	0
Mull's Chapel	Richard Adams, Rt. 1, Box 149A, Conn. Spr. 28612	Catawba	1871	1	x		2	1	1	106	21	125	0	0	16000	50000	3000
Oak Ridge	Edsel Mull, Rt. 2, Box 1040, Conn. Spr., 28612	Burke	1943	1	x		17	22	16	194	112	306	1	2	30000	130000	0
Olive Grove	Robert Beck, Rt. 1, Casar 28020	Cleveland	1884	1		x	10	6	8	195	74	269	0	0	25000	60000	0
Philadelphia	Harold Ward, Rt. 1, Connelly Springs 28612	Burke	1952	1		x	10	9	22	82	65	147	0	0	0	60000	1074
Pisgah	Harold B. Dellinger, Rt. 1, Casar 28020	Cleveland	1840	1		x	0	2	6	154	28	182	0	1	12000	75000	0
Pleasant Grove	John H. Smart, Rt. 1, Box 347, Conn. Spr. 28612	Burke	1876	1		x	15	2	5	125	13	138	1	0	0	35000	0
St. John's	Andy Mead, Rt. 1, Connelly Springs 28612	Burke	1842	1	x		4	5	0	170	16	186	0	0	25000	75000	0
St. Paul	Kenneth Simpson, Rt. 1, Casar 28020	Cleveland	1860	1	x		10	8	13	275	176	451	0	0	34000	134000	7494
Shoup's Grove	Dennis Whitley, Box 240, Icard 28666	Burke	1892	1	x		12	0	10	285	39	324	0	0	25000	125000	41904
Smart's Grove	Finley McCoury, Rt. 3, Box 855, Conn. Spr., 28612	Burke	1935	1		x	5	3	1	135	38	173	0	0	40000	60000	9717
South Fork	R. L. Ball, Rt. 4, Box 785, Hickory 28601	Burke	1937	1	x		4	1	7	115	53	168	0	0	16000	74000	0
Tabernacle	John Glover, Rt. 1, Casar 28020	Cleveland	1972	1	x		6	0	1	25	0	25	0	0	0	8000	0
Walker's Chapel	Harold Kanupp, Rt. 3, Box 888, Conn. Spr., 28612	Burke	1915	1		x	0	5	2	95	3	98	0	0	0	10000	0
Wilkie's Grove	Ralph Staton, Rt. 4, Box 470, Hickory 28601	Burke	1896	1	x		8	7	10	231	35	266	0	0	25000	200000	27000
Zion Hill	Ronald Martin, Rt. 3, Lawndale 28090	Cleveland	1859	1	x		14	9	2	280	57	337	0	0	25000	100000	0
Zoar	Jerry Blanton, Rt. 1, Casar 28020	Cleveland	1937	1		x	0	0	4	66	35	101	0	0	0	60000	0
	TOTALS				20	12	234	126	193	4732	1438	6170	3	5	363000	2053000	142336

TABLE B THE SUNDAY SCHOOL 1973

Association: SOUTH MOUNTAIN

State: NORTH CAROLINA

Associational Sunday School Director: MR. DON MORTON

Address: Box 676 City: Hildebran State: North Carolina Zip: 28637

CHURCHES	SUNDAY SCHOOL DIRECTORS & ADDRESSES	47 Preschool enrolment (5 years and under—not in school)	48 Children enrolment (6-11 years or grades 1-6)	49 Youth enrolment (12-17 years or grades 7-12)	50 Young Adult enrolment (18-29 years or H.S. graduation to 29 Years)	51 Adult enrolment (30-59 years or 30 to retirement)	52 Senior Adult enrolment (60 and over or retirement and over)	53 *Adults Away enrolment	54 Homebound Units enrolment	55 General officers enrolment	56 Enrolment of mission(s) of church	57 Total ongoing Sunday School enrolment	58 Average weekly Sunday School attendance	59 Number of Bible Study Fellowship classes	60 Bible Study Fellowship enrolment	61 January Bible Study enrolment	62 Weekday Bible Study enrolment	63 Bus attendance	64 Church V. B. S. enrolment	65 Mission V. B. S. enrolment	66 Total V. B. S. enrolment
Abee's Chapel	Delkie Mourglea, Jr., Rt. 1, Box 358C, Conn. Spr. 28612	40	38	21	60	65	66	0	0	4	0	294	236	0	0	61	0	0	108	0	108
Berea	Charlie Townsend, Rt. 3, Box 506, Conn. Spr. 28612	54	66	56	74	74	19	0	6	4	0	353	180	0	0	84	0	0	123	0	123
Beulah	Evan Rhoney, Rt. 3, Vale 28168	7	10	9	22	24	16	0	0	13	0	101	69	0	0	0	0	0	62	0	62
Carswell Memorial	Henry Carswell, Rt. 4, Box 248X, Morganton 28655	7	15	18	24	31	12	0	0	3	0	110	75	1	0	25	0	0	73	0	73
Corinth	Jerry Earl, Rt. 1, Casar 28020	20	18	23	47	45	51	0	0	4	0	208	154	0	0	22	0	0	67	0	67
Drowning Creek	Norris Brittain	5	6	5	4	20	4	0	0	5	0	49	30	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Faith Olive	James Stepp, 430, 33rd St., SW, Hickory 28601	11	17	20	28	11	1	22	0	0	0	110	57	0	0	0	0	0	83	0	83
Grace and Truth	Willie Van Horn, Jr., Box 466, Hildebran 28637	0	0	4	3	8	3	0	0	0	0	18	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hildebran View	Glenn Shook, Rt. 1, Box 277A, Connelly Springs 28612	2	3	6	1	1	6	4	3	6	0	32	22	0	0	0	0	0	32	0	32
Hoyle Memorial	Robert Hoyle, Rt. 3, Lawndale 28090	4	5	7	5	5	15	0	0	0	0	41	31	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Midway	Lex Wright, Rt. 8, Box 646, Hickory 28601	12	11	16	15	27	12	0	0	4	0	97	53	0	0	0	0	0	85	0	85
Mt. Calvary	Arthur Franklin, Rt. 3, Box 774, Conn. Spr. 28612	7	15	15	5	25	5	0	0	0	0	72	60	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mt. Gilead	Walter Smith, Rt. 1, Connelly Springs 28612	13	15	15	16	14	14	0	2	7	0	96	70	0	0	0	0	0	43	0	43
Mt. Hebron	James Bradley, Rt. 3, Box, 758, Conn. Spr. 28612	58	56	43	53	48	25	0	0	4	0	287	145	0	0	35	0	0	117	0	117
Mt. Vernon	Vester Shull, Rt. 3, Vale 28168	17	17	22	44	50	30	0	7	6	0	193	124	0	0	22	0	0	82	0	82
Mt. Zion	Richard C. Anderson, Rt. 1, Casar 28020	5	10	11	10	10	9	0	0	0	0	55	28	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mull's Chapel	Earnest Rhoney, Rt. 1, Connelly Spr. 28612	14	10	34	16	22	10	0	0	0	0	106	77	0	0	0	0	0	89	0	89
Oak Ridge	Robert Childers, Rt. 2, Box 340, Conn. Spr. 28612	35	83	47	29	48	18	0	0	5	0	265	177	0	0	15	0	15	186	0	186
Olive Grove	Mr. Hazel Walker, Rt. 1, Casar 28020	20	37	23	12	80	0	0	0	3	0	175	123	0	0	0	0	0	66	0	66
Philadelphia	Alvin Brittain, 1011 30th St., SW, Hickory 28601	18	24	12	20	22	4	0	0	4	0	104	85	0	0	0	0	0	60	0	60
Pisgah	J. C. Cook, Rt. 1, Casar 28020	16	13	19	20	21	10	0	0	3	0	102	82	0	0	25	0	0	52	0	52
Pleasant Grove	Carl W. Powell, Rt. 4, Box 312A, Morganton 28655	20	29	15	25	30	10	0	0	1	0	130	90	1	25	0	0	0	51	0	51
St. John's	Donald Hoyle, Rt. 8, Box 444, Hickory 28601	19	14	18	19	34	20	0	0	0	0	124	95	0	0	0	0	0	85	0	85
St. Paul	Marion Benfield, Rt. 1, Casar 28020	7	13	15	61	52	35	0	0	5	0	188	131	0	0	50	0	0	134	0	134
Shoup's Grove	Gerald Gragg, Rt. 3, Box 334, Newton 28658	56	64	55	46	50	26	0	0	10	0	307	165	0	0	80	0	15	193	0	193
Smart's Grove	R. E. Moses, Rt. 1, Box 112, Connelly Spr. 28612	20	32	20	27	37	8	0	0	1	0	145	80	0	0	0	0	0	77	0	77
South Fork	Benjamin F. Dowell, 326 37th St., SW, Hickory 28601	22	22	4	36	15	5	0	0	4	0	108	83	0	0	0	0	22	96	0	96
Tabernacle	Albert Hoyle, Rt. 1, Casar 28020	0	6	11	0	9	2	0	0	0	0	28	23	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Walker's Chapel	Shub Carswell, Rt. 4, Morganton 28655	11	16	17	12	22	16	0	0	0	0	94	58	0	0	0	0	0	42	0	42
Wilkie's Grove	Mrs. Frances Melton, Rt. 8, Box 304, Hickory 28601	33	46	38	0	66	61	0	0	5	0	249	157	0	0	38	0	0	88	0	88
Zion Hill	Warren Yancey, Rt. 3, Lawndale 28090	39	33	41	65	68	31	0	0	3	0	280	172	0	0	35	0	0	92	0	92
Zoar	Bobby McDaniel, Casar 28020	5	2	6	7	13	17	0	0	0	0	50	45	0	0	0	0	0	34	0	34
	TOTALS	597	746	666	806	1047	561	26	18	104	0	4571	3091	2	25	492	0	52	2220	0	2220

TABLE C TRAINING UNION 1973		67	68	69	70	71	72	73	74	75	76	77	78	79	80	81	82	83
Association: SOUTH MOUNTAIN State: NORTH CAROLINA Associational Training Union Director: REV. G. C. WRAY Address: Rt. 2, Box 338 City: Valdese State: North Carolina Zip: 28690		Preschool enrolment (5 years and under—not in school)	Children enrolment (6-11 years or grades 1-6)	Youth enrolment (12-17 years or grades 7-12)	Young Adult enrolment (18-29 years or H.S. graduation to 29 years)	Adult enrolment (30-59 years or 30 to retirement)	Senior Adult enrolment (60 and over or retirement and over)	General officers enrolment	Enrolment of mission(s) of church	Total Training Union ongoing enrolment	Average weekly Church Training attendance	New Member Orientation		Church Leader Training			Member Training Projects	
CHURCHES	TRAINING UNION DIRECTORS & ADDRESSES											Registration	Completed	Registration	Completed	Projects	Registration	Completed
Berea	Robert Berry, Rt. 8, Box 306, Hickory 28601	37	36	39	40	37	0	3	0	192	105	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Beulah	Mrs. Evelyn Rhoney, Rt. 3, Vale 28168	5	3	4	10	4	2	2	0	30	18	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Carswell Memorial	Fred Butler, Rt. 4, Morganton 28655	4	6	11	8	13	2	1	0	45	26	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Midway	Mrs. Phyllis Weaver, 420 32nd St., NW, Hickory 28601	0	8	4	2	7	1	2	0	24	13	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mt. Hebron	Philip Taylor, Rt. 3, Box 622, Conn. Spr. 28612	23	11	12	8	32	12	2	0	100	55	6	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mt. Vernon	Doris Upton, Rt. 2, Box 321, Vale 28168	3	7	15	5	20	5	3	0	58	24	15	12	4	4	2	10	10
Oak Ridge	Steve McGuire, Rt. 1, Box 287, Valdese 28690	14	21	44	20	15	9	1	0	124	68	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pisgah	H. B. Dellinger, Rt. 1, Casar 28020	2	0	3	0	5	0	2	0	12	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
St. Paul	Bentha Cook, Rt. 1, Casar 28020	4	6	20	0	24	0	3	0	57	26	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Shoup's Grove	Jerry Patton, Rt. 7, Box 511, Hickory 28601	18	18	30	0	33	0	3	0	102	50	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Wilkie's Grove	Mrs. Frances Me Hon, Rt. 8, Box 304, Hickory 28601	10	12	8	18	12	0	3	0	63	20	5	5	0	0	0	0	0
Zion Hill	Horace Sain, Rt. 3, Vale 28168	9	10	18	16	12	0	2	0	67	43	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	TOTALS	129	138	208	127	214	31	27	0	874	458	26	17	4	4	2	10	10

TABLE D CHURCH MUSIC 1973

Association: SOUTH MOUNTAIN

State: NORTH CAROLINA

Associational Music Director: MR. VIRGIL BUFF

Address: Box 462 City: Hildebran State: North Carolina Zip: 28637

CHURCHES	MUSIC DIRECTORS & ADDRESSES	84 Preschool enrolment (5 years and under—not in school)	85 Children enrolment (6-11 years or grades 1-6)	86 Youth enrolment (12-17 years or grades 7-12)	87 Adult enrolment (18 and over)	88 Handbell ringers enrolment	89 Vocal ensemble enrolment	90 Instrumental ensembles enrolment	91 General officers enrolment	92 Enrolment of mission(s) of church	93 Total ongoing church music enrolment	94 Average weekly church music attendance	95 Church music study group enrolment
Abee's Chapel	Ronder Crawford, Rt. 1, Box 42, Valdese, *28690	10	0	30	30	0	1	0	9	0	80	60	0
Berea	Virgil Buff, Box 462, Hildebran 28637	0	10	12	20	0	1	2	1	0	46	20	0
Beulah	Mrs. Gracie Lee Mull, Rt. 3, Vale 28168	0	0	9	10	0	0	0	0	0	19	18	0
Carswell Memorial	C. R. Poteet, Rt. 4, Morganton 28655	0	3	14	12	0	0	0	4	0	33	25	0
Corinth	Joe R. White, Rt. 1, Casar 28020	0	2	2	18	0	0	0	0	0	22	0	0
Drowning Creek		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	0
Faith Olive	Mrs. Geraldine Hudspeth, Rt. 8, Box 455, Hickory 28601	0	0	6	8	0	0	0	2	0	16	16	0
Grace and Truth	Patsy Van Horn, Box 466, Hildebran 28637	0	0	3	10	0	0	0	1	0	14	13	0
Hildebran View		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hoyle Memorial	Sanford Burns, Valdese 28690	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Midway	Mrs. Dorothy Beavers, Rt. 7, Box 5, Hickory 28601	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mt. Calvary		5	15	15	30	0	0	0	0	0	65	60	0
Mt. Gilead	Ruthie Parker, Rt. 1, Connelly Springs 28612	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mt. Hebron	Harry Mull, Box 152, Icard 28666	6	12	15	30	0	0	0	0	0	63	40	0
Mt. Vernon	Omar Hoyle, Rt. 2, Vale 28168	0	6	8	22	0	3	0	5	0	44	23	0
Mt. Zion		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mull's Chapel	Mrs. Della Hudson, Rt. 3, Vale 28168	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Oak Ridge	Terry Childers, Box 205, Rhodhiss 28667	0	3	10	16	0	0	0	1	0	30	20	0
Olive Grove	Mrs. Fred Spurling, Rt. 7, Box 246, Shelby 28150	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Philadelphia	Harold Ward, Rt. 1, Connelly Springs 28612	8	8	5	20	0	0	0	3	0	44	40	0
Pisgah	Mrs. Robert Beam, Rt. 1, Casar 28020	0	0	25	12	0	0	0	0	0	37	25	0
Pleasant Grove	Hubert H. Lindsay, Rt. 4, Box 318, Morganton 28655	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
St. John's	Lee Ross, Morganton 28655	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
St. Paul	Claude Cook, Rt. 1, Casar 28020	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Shoup's Grove	Mrs. Callie Townsend, Gen. Del., Hildebran 28637	0	6	20	15	0	0	0	3	0	44	37	0
Smart's Grove	Mrs. Alberta Crawley, Rt. 3, Box 855, Conn. Spr. 28612	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
South Fork	Mrs. Jean Ball, Box 292, Rhodhiss 28667	0	0	0	22	0	0	1	2	0	25	18	0
Tabernacle	Mrs. Mae Tessneer, Rt. 1, Box 278, Vale 28168	0	0	10	11	0	0	0	1	0	22	15	0
Walker's Chapel	J. C. Bradley, Rt. 4, Morganton 28655	9	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	15	0	0
Wilkie's Grove	Mrs. Mildred Clark, Rt. 4, Box 486, Hickory 28601	0	0	5	20	0	3	2	4	0	34	15	0
Zion Hill	Kenneth Sain, Rt. 2, Vale 28168	0	12	12	20	0	0	0	3	0	47	25	0
Zoar	Mrs. Gene Chapman, Gen. Del., Casar 28020	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	TOTALS	38	83	201	326	0	8	5	39	0	700	480	0

TABLE E WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION 1973

Association: SOUTH MOUNTAIN
State: NORTH CAROLINA
Associational WMU Director: MRS. JESSE FORTENBERRY
Address: Rt. 4 City: Hickory State: North Carolina Zip: 28601

CHURCHES	WMU DIRECTORS & ADDRESSES	96	97	98	99	100	101	102	103	104	105	106	107	108	109	110
		Number of Organizations							Enrolment							
		Mission Friends (5 years and under—not in school)	Girls in Action (6-11 years or grades 1-6)	Acteens (12-17 years or grades 7-12)	Baptist Young Women (18-29 years or H.S. graduation to 29 years)	Baptist Women (30 and over)	Mission(s) of church	Total number of organizations	Mission Friends (5 years and under—not in school)	Girls in Action (6-11 years or grades 1-6)	Acteens (12-17 years or grades 7-12)	Baptist Young Women (18-29 years or H.S. graduation to 29 years)	Baptist Women (30 and over)	WMU officers	Mission(s) of church	Total WMU enrolment
Abee's Chapel	Mrs. Mildred Crawford, Rt. 1, Box 42, Valdese 28690	1	1	1	1	1	0	5	9	12	5	5	13	3	0	47
Berea	Mrs. Earl Church, Rt. 3, Box 510, Conn Spr. 28612	1	1	1	1	1	0	5	7	8	8	12	10	5	0	50
Beulah	Mrs. Danny Young, Rt. 3, Vale 28168	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	0	0	0	7	8	5	0	20
Carswell Memorial	Isabel Butler, Rt. 4, Morganton 28655	1	1	1	0	1	0	4	2	2	10	0	10	5	0	29
Corinth	Mrs. Helen Newton, Rt. 1, Casar 28020	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	5	7	0	12
Faith Olive	Mrs. Dora Parker, Rt. 8, Hickory 28601	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	10	0	0	10
Midway	Mrs. Grady McCurry, Rt. 4, Box 837, E. Hickory 28601	0	0	1	0	0	1	2	0	0	12	0	0	4	1	17
Mt. Gilead	Mrs. Carrie Buff, Rt. 1, Connelly Springs 28612	0	0	1	0	1	0	2	0	0	9	0	10	0	0	19
Mt. Hebron	Mrs. Mavin Carswell, Rt. 3, Box 784, Conn. Spr. 28612	2	1	1	1	1	0	6	11	7	12	7	10	2	0	49
Mt. Vernon	Mrs. Gladys Hull, Rt. 2, Vale 28168	0	0	1	0	1	0	2	0	0	6	0	10	4	0	20
Oak Ridge	Mrs. Sue Evans, Rt. 1, Connelly Springs 28612	1	1	1	1	1	0	5	9	20	13	8	8	1	0	59
Pisgah	Mrs. Lyndon Pruett, Rt. 1, Casar 28020	1	0	1	0	1	0	3	8	0	14	0	10	0	0	32
St. John's	Mrs. Barbara Huffman, Rt. 1, Connelly Springs 28612	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	19	0	0	19
Shoup's Grove	Mrs. Betty Johnson, Rt. 4, Box 489C, Hickory 28601	0	1	1	1	1	0	4	0	8	15	3	29	5	0	60
Walker's Chapel		0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	10	0	0	0	0	10
Wilkie's Grove	Mrs. Diane Starnes, Rt. 4, Hickory 28601	1	1	1	1	1	0	5	8	7	10	11	10	8	0	54
	TOTALS	8	7	12	7	14	1	49	54	64	124	53	162	49	1	507

TABLE F BROTHERHOOD 1973

Association: SOUTH MOUNTAIN

State: NORTH CAROLINA

Associational Brotherhood Director: MR. KENNETH SAIN

Address: Rt. 2, City: Vale, State: North Carolina, Zip: 28168

CHURCHES	BROTHERHOOD DIRECTORS & ADDRESSES	111 Crusaders (6-11 years or grades 1-6)	112 Pioneers (12-17 years or grades 7-12)	113 RA leader and committee	114 Baptist Young Men enrolment (18-29 years or H.S. graduation to 29 years)	115 Baptist Men enrolment (30-59 years or 30 to retirement)	116 Baptist Senior Men (60 and over or retirement and over)	117 Other Baptist men groups	118 Brotherhood director	119 Enrolment of mission(s) of church	120 Total ongoing Brotherhood enrolment
Abee's Chapel	Johnnie R. Abee, Rt. 1, Box 83B, Connelly Springs 28612	4	8	4	0	32	4	0	4	0	56
Berea	Carl Green, Rt. 3, Box 142, Connelly Springs 28612	8	12	4	0	26	0	0	3	0	53
Carswell Memorial	Eddie Berry, Rt. 4, Morganton 28655	1	3	1	0	10	0	0	1	0	16
Mt. Hebron	Dennis Wright, Box 351, Icard 28666	8	4	2	0	19	0	0	0	0	24
Mt. Vernon	Alton Heavner, Rt. 3, Vale 28168										
Oak Ridge	Acie McGuire, Rt. 1, Box 287, Valdese 28690	33	21	9	0	12	0	0	0	0	75
St. Paul	Max Cooke, Rt. 1, Casar 28020	0	0	0	0	0	0	21	0	0	21
Shoup's Grove	Wayne Collins, Rt. 2, Box 776 Conn. Spr., 28612	15	9	3	4	1	0	0	0	0	32
Zion Hill	Kenneth Sain, Rt. 2, Box 305, Vale 28168	8	8	0	0	15	0	0	2	0	33
	TOTALS	77	65	23	4	106	4	21	10	0	310

New Organization for 1974

TABLE G TOTAL RECEIPTS, LOCAL EXPENDITURES & STEWARDSHIP 1973

Association: SOUTH MOUNTAIN
State: NORTH CAROLINA
Associational Treasurer: MISS DORIS UPTON
Address: Rt. 2, Box 321 City: Vale State: North Carolina Zip: 28168

CHURCHES	TREASURERS & ADDRESSES	19 Number of tithers	20 Budget prom. or emphasis used during the year: None	Forward Program	Other	21 Cooperative Program goal as percent of total budget	22 Associational missions goal as percent of total budget	121 Total tithes, all offerings, and special gifts	122 All other receipts	123 Total receipts	124 Money borrowed during the year	125 Church staff salaries	126 Money paid out on new construction during the year	127 Debt retirement during the year	128 Church literature	129 All other local expenditures	130 Total local expenditures
Abee's Chapel	Ulen Lowman, Box 27, Valdese 28690	85	x			$100		40127	0	40127	0	6825	754	0	494	13752	21825
Berea	Russell Huffman, Rt. 1, Box 259, Valdese 28690	60			x	12	1	52236	0	52236	0	4680	0	11248	1426	14129	31483
Beulah	E. A. Rudisill, 209 1st Ave. S.E., Hickory 28601	9		x		2	4	7431	0	7431	0	2340	5041	0	326	998	8705
Carswell Memorial	Mrs. Wesby Carswell, Rt. 4, Box 304, Morganton 28655	17		x		0	0	13903	0	13903	0	6166	1105	0	390	3995	11656
Corinth	Ramon McNeilly, Rt. 1, Casar 28020	27	x			0	0	30728	0	30728	0	6700	13021	0	798	3531	24050
Drowning Creek	Grover Patton	6	x	x	x	0	0	3773	0	3773	0	1890	0	0	115	917	2922
Faith Olive	Mrs. Gladys Allen, Rt. 8, Box 490, Hickory 28601	20	x			0	0	9287	0	9287	0	3503	0	1242	189	3909	8843
Grace and Truth	Willie VanHorn, Sr., Box 466, Hildebran 28637	12	x			0	0	2419	0	2419	0	920	69	0	0	207	1196
Hildebran View	Glenn Shook, Rt. 1, Box 277A, Conn. Spr. 28612	0	x			0	0	2260	580	2840	0	724	0	0	16	300	1040
Hoyle Memorial	Helen Whisnant, Rt. 1, Casar 28020	1	x			0	0	1900	0	1900	0	503	1131	0	45	120	1799
Midway	Joseph Beavers, Rt. 7, Box 5, Hickory 28601	12	x			0	0	9443	777	10220	0	5965	0	0	411	127	6503
Mt. Calvary	Mrs. Arthur Franklin, Rt. 3, Box 774, Connelly Spr. 28612	25	x			0	0	7500	0	7500	0	5200	0	0	150	500	5850
Mt. Gilead	Mrs. Carrie Buff, Rt. 1, Connelly Spr. 28612	1	x			0	0	5807	0	5807	0	1703	0	0	195	1217	3115
Mt. Hebron	Mrs. Alfred Lowman, Rt. 3, Box 692, Conn. Spr. 28612	0	x			8	0	41804	2152	43956	0	8942	0	0	1341	19278	29561
Mt. Vernon	Paul Leatherman, Rt. 2, Vale 28168	35	x			15	5	21620	1484	23104	0	7577	0	2460	898	5370	16305
Mt. Zion	Kevin Parker, Rt. 1, Box 149A, Casar 28020	10	x	x	x	6	2	3300	0	3300	0	1848	0	0	135	865	2848
Mull's Chapel	Katherine B. Young, Rt. 1, Box 270, Conn. Spr. 28612	3	x			0	0	15938	30	15968	3000	4800	0	2062	398	7884	15144
Oak Ridge	Edsel Johnson, Gen. Del., Hildebran 28637	60	x			0	0	34407	0	34407	0	6760	3242	3048	2060	18106	33216
Olive Grove	Mrs. Dona Walker, Rt. 1, Casar 28020	10	x			0	0	18925	0	18925	0	5060	0	9252	311	3506	18129
Philadelphia	Mrs. Helen Lowman, Rt. 1, Box 288, Conn. Spr. 28612	28	x			0	0	18400	130	18530	0	6115	0	6100	473	6053	18741
Pisgah	Mrs. Troy Warlick, Rt. 1, Casar 28020	20	x			4	6	17985	0	17985	0	6625	0	0	486	3494	10605
Pleasant Grove	Hubert H. Lindsay, Rt. 4, Box 318, Morganton 28655	10	x			0	0	7925	0	7925	0	1540	1340	0	306	4726	7912
St. John's	Larry Huffman, Rt. 1, Box 276, Conn. Spr. 28612	18	x			0	0	18684	0	18684	0	8500	0	0	492	8400	17392
St. Paul	Alvin Cook, Rt. 2, Lawndale 28090	20	x			$414	0	23281	0	23281	0	7300	11947	1242	1375	2316	24180
Shoup's Grove	Mrs. Maggie Huffman, Box 321, Hildebran 28637	60	x	x	x	5	2	36376	0	36376	0	7857	0	8447	1098	16558	33960
Smart's Grove	Mrs. Mabel Lowman, Rt. 3, Box 890, Conn. Spr. 28612	25			x	0	0	20218	0	20218	2000	5680	0	2533	218	14560	22991
South Fork	Mrs. Barbara Holler, Rt. 2, Box 831B, Conn. Spr. 28612	61		x		7	5	18936	0	18936	0	7710	0	0	310	6471	14491
Tabernacle	Mrs. John Glover, Rt. 1, Casar 28020	5	x			0	0	2853	0	2853	0	1231	0	0	91	1530	2852
Walker's Chapel	Alexander Huffman, Rt. 1, Connelly Springs 28612	9	x			0	0	7338	0	7338	0	3174	0	0	256	255	3685
Wilkie's Grove	Mrs. Dolly Bradshaw, Rt. 4, Hickory 28601	45	x	x	x	10.5	5	34299	0	34299	0	9360	0	5720	1500	2500	19080
Zion Hill	Mrs. Linda B. Cook, Rt. 3, Lawndale 28090	0	x			10	0	26798	0	26798	0	11130	5424	0	750	8912	26216
Zoar	Sherrill Chapman, Rt. 1, Casar 28020	23	x			0	0	10428	0	10428	0	4475	2162	1970	74	591	9272
	TOTALS	717	27	7	5			566329	5153	571482	5000	162803	45236	55324	17127	175077	455567

TABLE H MISSION EXPENDITURES 1973

Association: SOUTH MOUNTAIN
State: NORTH CAROLINA
Associational Superintendent of Missions (Associational Missionary): REV. THOMAS BERRY
Address: Box 306 City: Connelly Springs State: North Carolina Zip: 28612

CHURCHES	CHURCH CLERKS & ADDRESSES	131 Church Sponsored Missions: Money paid out on new construction during the year	132 Church Sponsored Missions: All other church sponsored mission expenditures	133 Church Sponsored Missions: Total church sponsored mission expenditures	134	135 OTHER MISSION CAUSE EXPENDITURES: Associational missions program	136: Designated: State missions	137: Designated: SBC-Home Missions (incl. Annie Armstrong Easter offering)	138: Designated: SBC For. Mis. (incl. Lottie Moon Christmas offering)	139: Designated: Christian education (schools, etc.)	140: Designated: Children's homes (cash plus goods)	141: Designated: Hospitals	142: Designated: Homes for the aged	143: Designated: All other (Bible Society, Temp. League, etc.)	144: Total other mission cause expenditures	145: Grand Total Mission expenditures
Abee's Chapel	Ivey E. Lowman, Rt. 1, Box 60K, Valdese 28690	0	0	0	100	175	50	124	1652	0	100	150	100	0	1699	1799
Berea	Mrs. Coolidge Wycoff, Rt. 2, Box 1106, Conn. Spr. 28612	0	0	0	5479	636	44	400	1532	0	105	48	0	917	3682	9161
Beulah	Diane Houser, Rt. 3, Vale 28168	0	0	0	371	0	0	120	0	0	0	0	0	0	120	491
Carswell Memorial	Sarah Carswell, Rt. 4, Box 248-O, Morganton 28655	0	0	0	154	150	40	431	653	13	117	75	24	0	1503	1657
Corinth	Mrs. Patricia Bowen, Rt. 1, Box 13-A-1, Casar 28020	0	0	0	480	235	185	191	518	84	275	293	0	642	2423	2903
Drowning Creek	Mrs. Harold Klutz, 172 18th St., NW, Hickory 28601	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Faith Olive	Mrs. Gladys Allen, Rt. 8, Box 490, Hickory 28601	0	0	0	21	0	44	43	0	0	43	0	0	0	0	151
Grace and Truth	Brenda Van Horn, Box 466, Hildebran 28637	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	25	25	0	0	50	50
Hildebran View	Abbie Shook, Rt. 1, Box 277A, Connelly Spr. 28612	0	0	0	0	10	0	0	0	0	50	0	0	0	0	60
Hoyle Memorial	Eva Hoyle, Rt. 3, Lawndale 28090	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Midway	Mrs. Everett Proctor, 1813 33rd St., Pl., NE, Hickory 28601	0	0	0	0	0	0	37	58	0	0	0	0	0	92	92
Mt. Calvary	Mrs. Howard Franklin, Rt. 3, Box 774, Conn. Spr. 28612	0	2200	2200	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	25	60	0	85
Mt. Gilead	Mrs. Iva Rhoney, Rt. 1, Box 221R, Conn. Spr. 28612	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	25	40	20	6	91	91
Mt. Hebron	Mrs. Maynard Taylor, Rt. 3, Box 639, Conn. Spr. 28612	0	0	0	2203	288	96	636	909	0	96	0	96	288	2409	5347
Mt. Vernon	Lucille Upton, Rt. 2, Box 321, Vale 26168	0	0	0	2295	762	113	251	1506	87	141	119	58	0	3037	5332
Mt. Zion	Sonya Parker, Rt. 1, Box 149A Casar 28020	0	0	0	200	65	25	0	0	0	15	15	15	0	135	335
Mull's Chapel	Clude McClurd, 813 Rostan St., Valdese 28690	0	0	0	57	65	0	0	0	0	50	50	30	30	225	281
Oak Ridge	Mrs. Jo Ann L. Edwards, Rt. 2, Box 413C, Conn. Spr. 28612	0	0	0	1640	750	93	150	1195	0	150	153	100	856	3447	5087
Olive Grove	Mrs. Howard Walker, Rt. 1, Box 212, Casar 28020	0	0	0	0	50	0	0	0	0	80	46	0	79	255	255
Philadelphia	Mrs. Sadie Brittain, Rt. 1, Box 128B, Conn. Springs 28612	0	0	0	37	339	0	0	61	0	172	81	0	28	681	718
Pisgah	Mrs. Austin Pruett, Box 13, Casar 28020	0	0	0	532	100	120	227	505	0	145	126	22	925	2170	2702
Pleasant Grove	Ruth Hoyle Walker, Rt. 1, Box 241, Conn. Springs 28612	0	0	0	0	0	31	0	0	0	60	171	0	0	262	262
St. John's	Lillie Huffman, Rt. 1, Box 129A, Conn. Springs 28612	0	0	0	0	40	0	19	440	0	0	363	0	0	862	862
St. Paul	Ghyles L. McNeely, Rt. 3, Lawndale 28090	0	0	0	414	0	100	100	295	0	190	180	0	727	2006	2006
Shoup's Grove	Mrs. Licille Shipman, Box 361, Hildebran 28637	0	0	0	875	260	32	25	676	25	48	25	54	396	1541	2416
Smart's Grove	Mrs. Evelyn Lail, Rt. 4, Box 378A, Connelly Springs 28612	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	600	0	146	0	0	0	746	746
South Fork	Mrs. Rita Munday, Box 285, Icard 28666	0	0	0	801	601	0	0	112	0	601	0	0	0	1314	2115
Tabernacle	Mrs. Mae Tessneer, Rt. 1, Box 278, Vale 28168	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	20	20	40	40
Walker's Chapel	Ruth Keller, Rt. 1, Box 223C, Connelly Springs 28612	0	0	0	14	0	0	0	0	0	50	119	0	574	743	757
Wilkie's Grove	Mrs. Ruth Proctor, Rt. 4. Hickory 28601	0	0	0	3289	1436	107	149	700	32	134	92	74	150	2874	6163
Zion Hill	Mrs. E. B. Daves, Rt. 1, Box 170; Connelly Springs 28612	0	0	0	1903	804	0	0	183	0	42	0	13	300	1342	3245
Zoar	John Phillip Dellinger, Rt. 3, Box 59, Lawndale 28090	0	0	0	0	15	0	0	25	0	0	0	0	100	140	140
	TOTALS	0	2200	2200	20865	6781	1080	2903	11617	241	2860	2171	651	6098	34402	55267

TABLE I SPECIAL INFORMATION 1973

Association: SOUTH MOUNTAIN
State: NORTH CAROLINA
Moderator: REV. RAYMOND CROOK
Address: Rt. 3, Box 702 City: Connelly Springs State: North Carolina Zip: 28612

CHURCHES	CHAIRMEN OF DEACONS & ADDRESSES	26 No. church-type missions started during the year	27 No. church-type missions currently operating	28 No. other-type missions started during the year	29 No. other-type missions currently operating	30 Does church plan or contemplate a major building program within the year?	Does church have or observe? 31 Library	32 Recreation staff	33 Day Camp	34 Ministry to language-culture group	35 Motion picture projector	36 Television program	37 Radio program	38 Christian Life committee	39 Christian Home Week	40 Witness Training (using WIN materials)	41 State paper in budget	42 Number of college students enroled in Sunday School	43 Number of deacons ordained during the year	44 Number of active deacons	45 Kindergarten enrolment	46 Day care enrolment
Abee's Chapel	Delkie Mourglea, Jr., Rt. 1, Box 358C., Conn. Spr. 28612	0	0	0	0	N	Y	N	N	N	N	N	Y	N	N	N	Y	0	0	6	0	0
Berea	Clarence Brittain, Box 1, Icard 28666	0	0	0	0	N	N	Y	N	N	N	N	N	Y	N	Y	N	0	0	6	0	0
Beulah	Mrs. Bud Willis, Rt. 1, Connelly Springs 28612	0	0	0	0	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	0	0	5	0	0
Carswell Memorial	James B. Smith, Rt. 4, Morganton 28655	0	0	0	0	N	N	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	N	0	0	7	0	0
Corinth	J. L. Newton, Rt. 1, Casar 28020	0	0	0	0	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	0	1	5	0	0
Drowning Creek	Harold Klutz, 172 18th St., N.W. Hickory 28601	0	0	0	0	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	0	0	1	0	0
Faith Olive	Grady C. Allen, Rt. 8, Box 490, Hickory 28601	0	0	0	0	N	N	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	0	0	2	0	0
Grace and Truth	Willie Van Horn, Sr., Box 466, Hildebran 28637	0	0	0	0	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	0	0	2	0	0
Hildebran View		0	0	0	0	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	0	0	0	0	0
Hoyle Memorial	Vasco Price, Rt. 3, Box 275, Lawndale 28090	0	0	0	0	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	0	0	0	0	0
Midway	Lex Wright, Rt. 8, Box 646, Hickory 28601	0	0	0	0	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	0	0	2	0	0
Mt. Calvary	Paul Carswell, Rt. 1, Connelly Springs 28612	0	0	0	0	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	0	0	3	0	0
Mt. Gilead	Ronald Rhoney, Rt. 1, Box 221R, Conn. Spr. 28612	0	0	0	0	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	0	0	5	0	0
Mt. Hebron	Philip Taylor, Rt. 3, Box 622, Conn. Spr. 28612	0	0	0	0	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	Y	N	0	0	8	0	0
Mt. Vernon	Blair Wesson, Rt. 2, Vale 28168	0	0	0	0	N	N	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	Y	N	0	0	8	0	0
Mt. Zion	Buland Short, Rt. 1, Casar 28020	0	0	0	0	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	0	0	7	0	0
Mull's Chapel	Edd Keller, 150 41st. St., S.W. Hickory 28601	0	0	0	0	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	0	1	5	0	0
Oak Ridge	Terry Childers, Rt. 2, Box 205, Rhodhiss 28667	0	0	0	0	N	N	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	Y	N	0	0	8	0	0
Olive Grove	Mr. Hazel Walker, Rt. 1, Casar 28020	0	0	0	0	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	0	1	7	0	0
Philadelphia	Ronald Singleton, Rt. 1, Connelly Springs 28612	0	0	0	0	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	Y	N	0	0	4	0	0
Pisgah	Don Elliot, Rt. 1, Casar 28020	0	0	0	0	N	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	Y	0	1	9	0	0
Pleasant Grove	J. M. Walker, Rt. 1, Box 241, Connelly Springs 28612	0	0	0	0	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	Y	N	N	N	N	0	0	9	0	0
St. John's	Lester Hartman, Rt. 1, Connelly Springs 28612	0	0	0	0	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	0	0	0	0	0
St. Paul	Earl Morrison, Rt. 1, Casar 28020	0	0	0	0	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	0	0	10	0	0
Shoup's Grove	Wayne Collins, Rt. 2, Box 776, Conn. Spr. 28612	0	0	0	0	N	Y	Y	N	N	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	0	2	7	0	0
Smart's Grove	R. E. Moses, Rt. 1, Box 112, Conn. Spr. 28612	0	0	0	0	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	0	0	7	0	0
South Fork	Eugene Propst, Rt. 4, Box 778, Hickory 28601	0	0	0	0	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	0	2	4	0	0
Tabernacle	Paul Navy, Rt. 5, Box 252, Shelby 28150	0	0	0	0	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	0	1	3	0	0
Walker's Chapel	Alexander Huffman, Rt. 1, Connelly Springs 28612	0	0	0	0	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	0	1	4	0	0
Wilkie's Grove	Jesse Fortenberry, Rt. 4, Hickory 28601	0	0	0	0	N	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	Y	N	0	1	7	0	0
Zion Hill	Warren Yancey, Rt. 3, Lawndale 28090	0	0	0	0	N	N	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	Y	0	0	9	0	0
Zoar	Lester J. Lail, Rt. 3, Lawndale 28090	0	0	0	0	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	0	0	6	0	0
	TOTALS	0	0	0	0													0	11	166	0	0

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Philadelphia ..... Rev. Harold Dellinger
Berea ..... Rev. Gwyn Sullivan
Mt. Vernon ..... Miss Lucille Upton
Mt. Vernon ..... Miss Doris Upton
Wilkies Grove ..... Fred Sain
Caldwell Memorial ..... Rev. G. C. Wray
Berea ..... Carl Green
Wilkies Grove ..... Mrs. Jesse Fortenberry
Zion Hill ..... Kenneth Sain
Mt. Vernon ..... Rev. Paul Crotts
Berea ..... Mrs. Thomas Berry
Berea ..... Rev. Thomas Berry

PASTORS

Abee's Chapel ..... Buren Hastings, Box 157, Valdese 28690
Berea ..... Gwyn Sullivan, Rt. 2, Box 1098, Conn. Sprg. 28612
Beulah ..... Derrell Pruette, Rt. 3, 28168
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Corinth ..... Cecil Buff, Box 576, Lawndale 28090
Drowning Creek ..... Roy Craig, Catawba Ave., Rhodhiss 28667
Faith Olive ..... Hugh C. Bolick, Rt. 4, Box 254C, Hickory 28601
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Hoyle Memorial ..... Tonnie Hull, Rt. 1, Casar 28020
Midway ..... Elwood Caulder, Rt. 3, Box 425, Conover 28613
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Mt. Gilead ..... Ottis Cook, Rt. 1, Casar 28020
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Mt. Vernon ..... Paul Crotts, Rt. 3, Vale 28168
Mt. Zion ..... Z. W. Settlemyer, Box 296, Cherryville 28021
Mulls Chapel ..... Richard Adams, Rt. 1, Box 149A, Conn. Sprg. 28612
Oak Ridge ..... Edsel Mull, Rt. 2, Box 1040, Conn. Spr. 28612
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Philadelphia ..... Harold Dellinger, Rt. 1, Box 305, Shelby 28150
Pisgah ..... Joe R. Edwards, Rt. 1, Casar 28020
Pleasant Grove ..... John H. Smart, Rt. 1, Box 347, Conn. Spr. 28612

St. Johns ..... Andy Mead, Rt. 1, Connelly Springs 28612
Shoups Grove .....
Smarts Grove ..... Finley McCoury, Rt. 3, Box 855, Conn. Sprg. 28612
South Fork ..... Ray Woody, Rt. 4, Box 7851, Hickory 28601
St. Paul ..... Ken Simpson, Rt. 1, Casar 28020
Tabernacle ..... John Glover, Rt. 1, Casar 28020
Walkers Chapel ..... Harold Kanupp, Rt. 3, Connelly Springs 28612
Wilkies Grove ..... Ralph Staton, Rt. 4, Box 470, Hickory 28601
Zion Hill .....
Zoar ..... Jerry Blanton, Rt. 1, Casar 28020

MESSENGERS

Abee's Chapel—Mrs. Merle Hastings, Gus Gilliland, Cora Gilliland, Cleve Setzer, Adele Setzer Azilee Lowman.
Berea—Charlie Townsend, Brady Burns, Mrs. Carl Greene, Rev. Gwyn Sullivan, Rev. Paul Robinson, Mrs. J. R. Carpenter, Carl Greene.
Beulah—Mrs. Minnie Mull, Mrs. Evan Rhoney, Mrs. Obie Huffman, Mrs. Ro.ıel Lindsay, Mrs Nellie Rudisill.
Carswell Memorial—Rev. and Mrs. G. C. Wray, Newland Carswell, Eddie Berry.
Corinth—Mrs. Mazelle Lail, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Newton, Rev. Cecil Buff.
Drowning Creek—Rev. and Mrs. Roy Craig, Mr. and Mrs. Norris Brittain.
Faith Olive
Grace and Truth—Rev. and Mrs. Ralph Teague, Mrs. Dovie Baker.
Hildebran View
Hoyle Memorial—Mr. and Mrs. Vasco Price, Mrs. Lela Price, Robert Price, Mrs. Helen Hoyle, Mrs. Eva Hoyle, Rev. Tonnie Hull, Mrs. Vida Shoup, Estes Shoup.
Midway—Rev. Elwood Caulder, Rev. Lex Wright, Joseph Beaver, Mrs. Donnie Chapman, Mrs. Myra White, Mrs. Dorothy Beaver.
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Mt. Gilead—Mrs. Ronnie Lail, Mrs. Carrie Buff, Mrs. Bessie Chapman, Mrs. Nadie Parker, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry McNeely
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Mt. Vernon—Mrs. Junie Gantt, Mrs. Hester Shull, Mrs. Annie Leatherman, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Williams, Mr. and Mrs. John Heavner, Mrs. Clara Houser, Mrs. Corene Lindsay, Mrs. Vassie Hoyle.
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Mulls Chapel—Dewell Rhoney, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hudson, Edd Keller, Rev. Richard Adams
Oak Ridge—Mr. and Mrs. Shirley Hudson, Mrs. Mabel Lowman, Mrs. Bill Decker.
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Philadelphia—Alvin Brittain, Danny Hildebran, Helen Lowman, Sadie Brittain.
Pleasant Grove—Rev. John H. Smart, Carl W. Powell, Hubert H. Lindsay.
St. Johns—Sam Huffman, Mrs. Ruby Huffman, Russell Huffman, Mrs. Betty Huffman, Mrs. Joyce Brittain, Mrs. Eva Young, Lillie Huffman.
Shoups Grove—Vince and Violet Brittain, Linda Kiser, Betty Johnson, Linda Ammons, Bell Rogers.
Smarts Grove—Barbara Tallant, Ruth Lowman, Rev. Finley McCoury.
South Fork—Mrs. Faye Shook.
St. Paul—Mr. and Mrs. James Green, Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Newton, Mr. and Mrs. Comma Hudson, Mr. and Mrs. J. Z. Newton.
Tabernacle
Walkers Chapel
Wilkie's Grove—Rev. Ralph Staton, Mrs. Mavis Fortenberry, Fred Sain, Mrs. Rae Paige, Mr

Dorothy Canipe.
Zion Hill—Cecil Cook, Mr. and Mrs. Warren Yancey, Kenneth Sain, Georgia Cook, Horace Sain, Mary Lail.
Zoar—Grady Luckadoo, Lester Lail, Jasper Newton, Bobby McDaniel.

VISITORS TO THE ASSOCIATION

Rev. Bill Poole, Director North Carolina Baptist Homes
Rev. Frank Shirley, Kings Mountain
Rev. Luther Osment, Area Missionary for Western North Carolina, Sylvia, N.C.
Rev. Woodrow Hill, Associate Editor of Biblical Recorder
Rev. J. Roy Robinson, representative of Gardner Webb College.
Mrs. J. Roy Robinson
Mrs. Bill Robinson and Jeffrey Robinson, Liberty Baptist Church, Hickory, special music.

Constitution

1. This body shall be known as "The South Mountain Baptist Association."
2. It shall be composed of messengers from Missionary Baptist Churches.
3. The messengers from any Missionary Baptist Church may be admitted into this Association upon recommendation of the Committee on Petitionary Letters and the majority vote of members present at any regular meeting.
4. Any church in good fellowship may, at her discretion, withdraw from this body.
5. This Association may at any meeting, after investigation and report of a duly authorized committee of the Association, by a majority vote declare a dissolution of union with any church deemed corrupt, either in doctrine or practice.
6. Any church in this Association, with fifty members or under, may send three messengers, with one additional for each succeeding fifty members or major fraction thereof.
7. At each session of this Association a Moderator, a Vice-Moderator, a Clerk, and Treasurer shall be chosen by vote and hold office until their successors are elected. A Moderator shall not be eligible to succeed himself after having served in office for two years.
8. The meetings of the Association shall be held annually beginning on Thursday after the second Sunday of October unless otherwise ordered by the Association or the Executive Board.
9. The design of this Association is to promote the cause of true religion with the several churches of which it is or may be composed and to sustain the various objects fostered by the North Carolina State Convention and the Southern Baptist Convention.
10. This Association has no authority over any church nor any right to interfere with its internal concerns.
11. For the mutual benefit of the churches composing this Association, it shall be the duty of each church to forward with messengers a written communication to each annual meeting, specifying the names of messengers, statistics of the church for the foregoing year, giving account of its spiritual conditions and stating the names of the pastor and other licentiates or ordained ministers connected with the church.
12. (a) The Executive Committee shall be composed of the Associational officers and the pastors of each church, along with the Sunday School Director, Church Training Director, Brotherhood Director, Clerk, Treasurer, W.M.U. Director and Music Director. Ten members shall constitute a quorum.
    (b) The Executive Committee meetings shall be on Tuesday after the second Sunday in Janaury, April, July and Tuesday after the first Sunday in October.
    (c) The Moderator shall appoint the Committee on Committees to serve from one Annual Meeting to the next (starting with 1966).
    (d) The Committee on Committees shall fill vacancies that may occur between annual meetings of the Association by bringing names to the Executive Committee for their

approval.

13. The Constitution may be altered or amended by two-thirds of the members present at any annual meeting provided such alterations or amendment shall be submitted in writing at one session and acted upon at the next.

14. Kerfoot's Parliamentary Laws, as far as applicable, shall be followed in the government of the Assocation.

15. No one person shall be allowed to petition the body in session for more than one thing in the same session, unless given permission by the Moderator or two-thirds of the messengers present.

16. No department officer shall exercise authority over his department, except it be in accord with the ruling of the Executive Committee or the Association in regular session.

RULES OF ORDER OF THE CONSTITUTION

1. Every meeting shall be opened and closed with prayer.
2. All questions of procedure shall be decided by Kerfoot's Manual of Parliamentary Practice.
3. In view of the fact that the officers of our Association come to the annual meeting with plans made for the session, be it resolved that we elect our officers at the close of the meeting to act till the close of the next annual meeting.

COMMITTEES AND THEIR DUTIES

COMMITTEES APPOINTED BY MODERATOR

Section 1. The Moderator shall appoint in advance of the annual meeting a Committee on Enrollment, Place, Time and Preacher, and Resolutions Committees and any other committees he may deem advisable or necessary. Each of these committees shall report at the annual meeting for which they are appointed.

Section 2. The Committee on enrollment shall be composed of members of the host church appointed by the chairman. It shall be the duties of this committee to arrange for the registration of all the messengers and visitors and to make a report to the association.

Section 3. The Committee on Time, Place and Preacher shall be composed of three members. It shall be the duty of this committee to recommend to the Association the churches at which the next session shall meet and the preachers for the annual sermons at the next session.

Section 4. The Committee on Resolutions shall be composed of three members. It shall be the duty of this Committee to draw up and present to the Association suitable resolutions of appreciation and expressions of sentiments on any matter chosen by the committee or directed by the messengers of the session.

COMMITTEES SELECTED BY COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES

Section 5. The Committee on Committees shall be composed of five appointed members, the Moderator and Associational Missionary. Other officers of the Association may act as Ex Officio members. It shall be the duty of this Committee to prepare for approval of the Association the names of persons to serve on the following committees: Nomination, Finance, Petitionary Letters, Ordination of Ministers, Constitution of Churches, Trustees, Evangelism, Missions and South Mountain Camp.

Section 6. The Program Committee shall be composed of the general officers of the Association. It shall be the duty of this Committee to prepare and present a suggested order of business to be adopted by the Association. When adopted, this program becomes the order of business unless changed by common consent or by vote of the body.

Section 7. The Committee on Nominations shall be composed of five members. It shall be the duty of this Committee to prepare for the Association the names of individuals as nominees for the following offices: Moderator, Vice-Moderator, Treasurer, Clerk, Sunday School Director, Church Training Director, Music Director, Vacation Bible School Director,

R.A. Director, Brotherhood Director, Pianist and Historian. It shall be the duty of this Committee to name for the approval of the Association individuals who shall bring to the next annual meeting brief written reports on Public Morals and Temperance, Christian Education, Foreign Missions, Home Missions, State Missions, Hospitals, Homes for the Aging, Children's Homes, Cooperative Program, Religious Literature, Christian Stewardship, Relief and Annuity, Obituaries, Southern Baptist Protective Program, and the American Bible Society. Nominations by this Committee shall not preclude nominations from the floor. This Committee shall make nominations for vacancies that may occur during the year.

(a) Sunday School Director, Church Training Director, Brotherhood Director, Vacation Bible School Director and Music Director shall work with the Nominating Committee in selecting officers for their departments.

(b) The Committee on Ordination of Ministers shall act only upon the request of the churches.

HISTORICAL TABLE OF THE ASSOCIATION

1950—S. M. Stroupe, Moderator; J. E. Hoffman, Vice-Moderator; Mrs. J. D. Goodwin, Clerk; A. V. Ledford, N. S. Hardin, Preachers; Oak Ridge, Corinth, Places.

1951—S. M. Stroupe, Moderator; J. E. Hoffman, Vice Moderator; Mrs. J. D. Goodwin, Clerk; Grady Welch, L. A. Miller, Preachers; Icard, Zion Hill, Places.

1952—S. M. Stroupe, Moderator; J. E. Hoffman, Vice Moderator; Mrs. Claude Icard, Clerk; Lamont Mayes, W. H. Flowers, Preachers; Henry River, St. Paul, Places.

1953—S. M. Stroupe, Moderator; B. R. Holbrook, Vice Moderator; Mrs. B. R. Holbrook, Clerk; R. W. Hord, Fred Hicks, Preachers; Bethany, Mt. Vernon, Places.

1954—J. E. Hoffman, Moderator; A. V. Ledford, Vice Moderator; Mrs. B. R. Holbrook, Clerk; Forrest Davis, B. R. Holbrook, Preachers; Shoup's Grove, Walker's Chapel, Places.

1955—J. E. Hoffman, Moderator; Ralph Berry, Vice Moderator; Mrs. B. R. Holbrook, Clerk; Buren Hastings, J. E. Hoffman, Preachers; Connelly Springs, Pisgah, Places.

1956—Paul Crotts, Moderator; W. N. Reece, Vice Moderator; Mrs. Frank Hicks, Clerk; Julius Hildebran, Ralph Berry, Preachers; St. Paul, Mull's Chapel, Places.

1957—Paul Crotts, Moderator; W. N. Reece, Vice Moderator; Mrs. Frank Hicks, Clerk; Joe Richards, B. H. Cline, Preachers; Abee's Chapel, Carswell Memorial, Places.

1958—Paul Crotts, Moderator; W. N. Reece, Vice Moderator; Mrs. Frank Hicks, Clerk; J. E. Hoffman, Paul Crotts, Preachers; St. John's, Oak Ridge, Places.

1959—Paul Crotts, Moderator; Mrs. Frank Hicks, Clerk; Edsel Mull, Grady McCurry, Preachers; Berea, Beulah, Places.

1960—Paul Crotts, Moderator; Mrs. Frank Hicks, Clerk; Harold Whitener, Earsel Robinson, Preachers; Midway, Zion Hill, Places.

1961—Paul Crotts, Moderator; Mrs. Frank Hicks, Clerk; P. G. Sullivan, Harold Whitener, Preachers; Mr. Vernon, Shoup's Grove, Places.

1962—Paul Crotts, Moderator; Harold Whitener, Vice Moderator; Mrs. Frank Hicks, Clerk; S. M. Stroupe, J. I. Willis, Preachers; Wilkie's Grove, Corinth, Places.

1963—Harold Whitener, Moderator; Paul Crotts, Vice Moderator; Mrs. Frank Hicks, Clerk; Garland Early, Harvey Harris, Preachers; St. Paul, Pleasant Grove, Places.

1964—Paul Crotts, Moderator; Mrs. Frank Hicks, Clerk; B. R. Whisnant, Thomas Taylor, Preachers; Mt. Gilead, Olive Grove, Places.

1965—Paul Crotts, Moderator; Mrs. Frank Hicks, Clerk; Floyd Benfield, Jack Johnson, Preachers; Mt. Hebron, Pisgah, Places.

1966—Thomas D. Taylor, Moderator; Miss Lucille Upton, Clerk; J. M. Powell, Jack E. Guffey, Preachers; Drowning Creek, Mull's Chapel, Mt. Calvary, Places.

1967—Paul Crotts, Moderator; Miss Lucille Upton, Clerk; J. T. Cline, William Shytle, Preachers; Abee's Chapel, Wilkie's Grove, Smart's Grove, Places.

1968—William Shytle, Moderator; Miss Lucille Upton, Clerk; Andy Mead, G. C. Wray, Preachers; Berea, Beulah, St. Paul, Places.

1969—William Shytle, Moderator; Miss Lucille Upton, Clerk; R. L. Ball, Harold Ashe, Preachers; Oak Ridge, Carswell Memorial, Faith Olive, Places.
1970—J. T. Cline, Moderator; Miss Lucille Upton, Clerk; Richard Adams, Ralph Staton, Preachers; Mt. Vernon, Mull's Chapel, Places.
1971—J. T. Cline, Moderator; Miss Lucille Upton, Clerk; Ronald Martin, Cecil Buff, Preachers; Zion Hill, Corinth, Places.
1972—Ralph Staton, Moderator; Miss Lucille Upton, Clerk; Dennis Whitley, Carrell Pruette, Preachers; Zoar, Abee's Chapel, Places.
1973—Ralph Staton, Moderator; Miss Lucille Upton, Clerk; Raymond Crook, Paul Crotts, Preachers; Wilkie's Grove, St. John's Places.
1974—Raymond Crook, Moderator; Miss Lucille Upton, Clerk; Edsel Mull, Kenneth Simpson, Preachers; St. Paul, Shoup's Grove, Places.

Proceedings

Sixty-fourth Session of South Mountain Baptist Association
Theme: "Faithful in Our Witness"

1. The doors of the sanctuary of St. Paul Baptist Church were thrown open to welcome both delegates and visitors to the opening of the sixty-fourth session of South Mountain Baptist Association.

2. Rev. Raymond Crook called the meeting to order and the opening hymn "How Firm a Foundation" seemed appropriate to set the mood for a worship service as the congregation joined in singing all stanzas. Mrs. Paul Crotts and Lucille Upton served in the absence of the pianist and chorister.

3. Rev. Z. W. Settlemyer gave the scripture reading and prayer.

4. Rev. Crook called attention to the planned program and after a few moments of consideration to individual copies distributed to delegates he moved adoption with the privilege of any changes that may become necessary. The group voted to accept the proposal of the program committee.

5. The moderator read names of members of the Finance; Resolution; Time, Place, and Preacher; and Nominating Committees and reminded them of their duties to be performed during the session.

6. The meeting proceeded to include state Baptist Institutions and began with the report on Homes for the Aging. Due to the absence of Warren Yancey the group voted to accept his report and Rev. Bill Poole, director of the North Carolina Baptist Homes for the Aging, spoke. He informed us about the five units now in operation and the proposed one for Western North Carolina to be built in Asheville. He expressed gratitude for our support and gifts and challenged us to continue one of the greatest ministries of our state and our denomination. The program shares in the Cooperative Program but the new project will call for a special offering in February. Through the services provided, some people live in the retirement homes prior to requiring service in the nursing care unit due to ill health.

7. In giving his report on the Children's Homes, Fred Sain moved the adoption of his submitted report and then spoke enthusiastically of the ministry of North Carolina Baptists through the Children's Home program.

8. Rev. Paul Crotts gave the report on the Southern Baptist Annuity Plan and the group voted acceptance. In the absence tf a state representative, Rev. Crotts made appropriate remarks.

9. Cecil Cook prepared the Baptist Hospital Report and in his absence the group voted to accept his submitted information included in the book of reports. Rev. Frank Shirley of Kings Mountain was guest speaker. He conveyed the regrets of Mr. Calvin McKnight, hospital representative, who could not be present.

10. After moving to adopt the report on the Cooperative Program and being accepted favorably, Thomas Berry spoke concerning the gifts and disbursements to support Baptist

work here in North Carolina.

11. In a business session, Edsel Mull, serving as chairman of the Constitution Committee, pointed out some proposed changes and reminded the delegates to give serious consideration to each proposal and reminded us that these changes would require action on Friday.

12. Thomas Berry gave the office report and it was accepted. In his comments, Rev. Berry expressed appreciation to the committee for their fine work.

13. Rev. Cecil Buff, as chairman of the Petitionary Committee, reported that he and other members had met with the pastor and members of Laurel Haven and recommended that this newly organized church be taken under the watchcare of the association for one year. The group voted in favor of his recommendation.

14. Rev. G. C. Wray, serving as chairman of the Missions Committee, asked that consideration be given to making application to the Baptist State Convention for financial assistance on the salary of the Superintendent of Missions in the amount of $2,400.00. This matter will come up for vote on Friday.

15. The report of the Executive Committee as submitted by the clerk, Lucille Upton, was accepted upon her move for adoption and a favorable vote by the delegates.

16. In the absence of Doris Upton, associational treasurer, Rev. Crotts presented her report and the delegate body voted to accept.

17. Virgil Buff lead and Flo Buff served as pianist as the congregation joined in singing the hymn "The Name of Jesus."

18. We were then favored with special music and appropriate comments as a trio composed of Virgil Buff, Frances Greene, and Wanda Carpenter sang two selections: "Oh How I Love Jesus," and "Love Such as This." The appearance and performance of "The Bereans" added greatly to the program.

19. A prayer by Rev. Gwyn Sullivan followed the special music.

20. The highlight of the afternoon program was the missionary message by Rev. Edsel Mull. He presented a challenge to everyone: "We love God and He loves us, why do we do so little for Him?" The theme of his message was "Just How Big Is Your World?" Rev. Mull's timely and thought-provoking remarks called attention to local, state, home, and foreign mission responsibilities.

21. When Rev. Kenneth Simpson was presented, he extended a cordial welcome, gave directions for serving the evening meal in the fellowship hall, and gave the invocation for the food and the program of the evening session.

22. We were then dismissed and everyone enjoyed a bountiful meal and an hour of Christian fellowship.

Thursday Evening

23. The evening session was called to order by the moderator, Rev. Crook.

24. "The Bereans" again delighted the assembly with their special music entitled "While the Ages Roll."

25. Before leading the congregation in the hymn "I Will Sing the Wondrous Story," Virgil Buff read scripture and made brief comments.

26. Our attention was again called to the theme "Faithful In Our Witness."

27. Scripture reading and prayer for the evening session were given by Rev. Kenneth Simpson. He again extended a welcome to those coming to attend the evening session.

28. In presenting new pastors, recognition was given to Buren Hastings—Abee's Chapel; Gwyn Sullivan—Berea; Ralph Teague—Grace & Truth; Elwood Caulder—Midway; Cecil McKinney—Mt. Calvary; Harold Dellinger—Philadelphia; Joe R. Edwards—Pisgah; Ray Woody—South Fork; Harold Ashe (interim)—Shoup's Grove. We regret that all new ministers could not be present.

29. The group voted to accept the R. A. Report as submitted by Ricky Sain who could not be present. He was commended for his good work with R. A.'s.

30. No report was submitted by the Recreation Committee.

31. After having her report on W. M. U. work accepted, Mrs. Mavis Fortenberry spoke briefly and offered her assistance to any church desiring to organize mission groups.

32. Russell Huffman. after moving adoption of the State Mission Report and being given a

favorable vote, spoke briefly urging churches to increase support for state mission activities.

33. The Home Mission Report was accepted as prepared and submitted by Rev. Edsel Mull.

34. Brief but timely remarks by Rev. Ralph Staton followed the acceptance of the Foreign Missions Report.

35. Virgil Buff led the congregation in singing the hymn "Saved To the Uttermost." Instrumental music was furnished by Flo Buff.

36. The Zion Hill choir under the direction of Kenneth Sain rendered several special selections and the congregation was most attentive and appreciative. Their selections included "If I Can Help Somebody," "I Don't Know Why Jesus Loved Me," and "There Is No Other Name."

37. Rev. Cecil Buff then led the group in prayer.

38. Thomas Berry introduced the guest minister for the missionary message. He was Rev. Luther Osment, Area Missionary for Western North Carolina, but working with the State Baptist Convention. His message held the group spellbound and presented challenges for all phases of mission work carried on by our denomination. We are most grateful for his message of inspiration and challenge.

39. The moderator expressed appreciation to the speaker and invited all those present to attend tomorrow's sessions to be held with Shoup's Grove.

40. The benediction by Rev. Harold Dellinger followed the motion to adjourn.

Friday Afternoon

41. A prelude of beautiful and appropriate music preceded the opening of the second day's meeting of the sixty-fourth session of the South Mountain Baptist Association. Mrs. Flo Buff made this treat possible.

42. With delegates and visitors assembled, the moderator, Rev. Crook, called to order the third session at four o'clock in the sanctuary of Shoup's Grove Baptist Church.

43. Rev. Kenneth Simpson led and the congregation joined in the hymn "Redeemed."

44. Scripture reading from Hebrews 4:12 with brief comments and prayer were included in the devotional conducted by Rev. G. C. Wray.

45. Minutes of the previous day's activities and considerations were given by Lucille Upton, associational clerk.

46. Rev. Cecil Buff moved the adoption of his report on the Biblical Recorder and the delegate assembly voted favorably to accept.

47. Rev. Buff then introduced and presented Woodrow Hill, associate editor of the Biblical Recorder.

48. Rev. Hill's comments on the power of the printed page caused us to be more appreciative of good Christian literature. We were reminded of the use of printed material in spreading the doctrines of Communists, Mormons, and Jehovah's Witnesses and their beguiling messages. We should rely on the Word of God to convey the message of salvation.

49. Robert Berry gave the report on religious literature calling attention to other publications. After moving for adoption of his report and having it accepted by favorable vote, Mr. Berry spoke to his report.

50. The Evangelism Report as submitted by Rev. Kenneth Simpson was accepted upon his recommendation for adoption. His brief but appropriate comments concluded his report.

51. The report on the American Bible Society was given by Rev. Simpson who after his presentation moved that the report be adopted and the delegation gave approval.

52. Rev. Hugh Bolick submitted the Stewardship Report and a favorable vote followed the motion for adoption.

53. No Sunday School Report was submitted and no action was taken.

54. For the sake of emphasis and comment, Rev. Gwyn Sullivan read the report on public morals and urged support of petitions to rid the communities of ungodly adult entertainment. The assembly gave a favorable vote of acceptance.

55. The congregation joined in singing the hymn "Great Is Thy Faithfulness," with Virgil Buff leading.

56. The Missions Committee Report was given by G. C. Wray. Following a favorable vote of acceptance after his move for adoption he added his comments.

57. Two items for consideration were carried over from Thursday. These were handled

through a business session declared by the moderator. The first was a recommendation by G. C. Wray that we make application for financial aid from the State Baptist Convention in the amount of $2,400.00 to supplement the salary of the Superintendent of Missions. This recommendation was favorably received. The second concerned proposed constitutional changes as presented by Rev. Edsel Mull. These are included in his report. A vote of acceptance on each seperate proposal made the changes possible and the constitution will have these changes included.

58. In the absence of Michael Staton, his report on Christian Education was presented by Rev. Ralph Staton who made a motion for acceptance. The favorable vote of the body was followed by comments by Rev. J. Roy Robinson, representative of Gardner Webb College. He urged continued support of Christian education and encouraged students to come to our Baptist Colleges.

59. The report on Church Training as given by G. C. Wray was accorded a favorable vote.

60. The hymn "Since Jesus Came Into My Heart" was sung by the congregation under the direction of Virgil Buff accompanied by Flo Buff.

61. Virgil and Flo Buff expressed appreciation and thanks for the opportunity to serve as music director and pianist in the association. They are withdrawing to serve as musicians in the Theron Rankin Association. As a special treat, Virgil introduced Mrs. Bill Robinson and her son, Jeffrey, from Liberty Baptist Church. Mrs. Robinson sang two beautiful selections "Don't Let Me Walk Too Far From Calvary" and "I Don't Need To Understand." The accompanist was her teenage son whose performance amazed and pleased the entire audience.

62. Rev. Crook, the moderator, led the group in prayer.

63. The doctrinal message was given by Rev. Kenneth Simpson. He based his comments on Galatians 1:15 and used the theme "Dying to Self." The message was graciously and favorably received by the audience, and concluded with prayer by Rev. Simpson.

64. The moderator urged us to think seriously on the challenge of the message.

65. Rev. Harold Ashe, interim pastor of Shoup's Grove, extended a cordial welcome and gave directions for the evening meal to be served in the church basement.

66. Following the benediction and blessing for the food, we assembled in the church basement for a bountiful and delicious meal and an hour of fellowship.

Friday Night

67. Rev. Ralph Staton presided as the Friday evening session was called to order.

68. Robert Berry led the congregation in the singing of the hymn entitled "Down At the Cross."

69. Scripture reading and prayer was given by Harold Ashe, interim pastor. He again extended a warm welcome to those assembled for the last session of the associational meeting.

70. The report of the South Mountain Baptist Camp was given by Rev. T. A. Lineberger. He spoke to his report following the vote of acceptance and urged continued support and greater representation from the association.

71. Thomas Berry gave the report for the Superintendent of Missions and following a vote of acceptance concluded with his favorable comments.

72. The committee reports included the following:

a. Resolutions by Rev. Paul Crotts who expressed appreciation to the officers, host churches, visitors, and those participating in the program.

b. Committee on Committees by Rev. Thomas Berry who named the people to serve as chairmen of the various committees. These appear elsewhere in the minutes.

These committee appointments were accepted by the delegate assembly.

73. Upon a recommendation made by G. C. Wray, the body voted to suspend the Recreation Committee for this year.

74. Attendance for the association was reported as 186 at St. Paul and 126 at Shoup's Grove.

75. In the absence of Bill Clarke, the Finance Committee Report was given by Fred Sain. The proposed budget was accepted by a favorable vote. In speaking to the report, Fred urged greater support for associational work.

76. The report of the Time, Place, and Preacher Committee was given by Rev. Kenneth

Simpson and included the following schedule:

October 16 at Mt. Hebron with Buren Hastings to deliver the missionary message and Robert Beck as alternate.

October 17, at Olive Grove with Gwyn Sullivan to deliver the doctrinal message and Joe Edwards as alternate.

77. The special committee set up to investigate the feasibility of setting up a Grounds and Maintenance Committee for the associational office recommended that such a committee be appointed. Those named to serve were: Vance Brittain, Chairman; Eugene McNeilly, and E. B. Daves. The body accepted the recommendation and those named to serve.

78. Robert Berry led the congregation in the hymn "Have Faith In God."

79. A motion was made and accepted to extend the time five minutes for business. In this time, Gwyn Sullivan made a motion to reconsider the budget. This motion was approved. He then proposed that the budget be rounded out to $14,000.00, the extra funds involved going to the Superintendent of Missions. Rev. Buren Hastings amended the motion to increase the salary of the Superintendent of Missions to 10% above the proposed figure. This amended motion was approved.

80. A motion to elect the officers as presented by the Nominating Committee was seconded and approved by the delegate body.

81. Rev. Crook presented the gavel to the incoming moderator, Rev. Harold Dellinger.

82. Due to the short notice, Rev. Dellinger was permitted to postpone naming his special committees until the next Executive Committee Meeting. In accepting the position of moderator, Rev. Dellinger expressed appreciation for the opportunity to serve and pledged his best efforts.

83. In behalf of Mrs. Adene Hicks, the memorial thoughts and names were given by Lucille Upton. The congregation stood as the names of those deceased during the year were read, and following a moment of silent meditation, Rev. Paul Crotts gave the memorial prayer.

84. Robert Berry favored the group with a solo. His selection was entitled "He Cared That Much For Me."

85. The moderator's address was delivered by Rev. Raymond Crook who based his comments on Philippians 3:4. A special prayer was led by Rev. Ralph Teague. Rev. Crook centered his thoughts around the theme "That We May Know Him." At the conclusion of his message, Rev. Crook gave the benediction and the meeting was adjourned.

AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY REPORT

The American Bible Society, founded in 1816, has only one purpose—"to promote the distribution of the Holy Scriptures without doctrinal note or comment and without profit." The American Bible Society is a member of the United Bible Societies, a partner of the Southern Baptist Convention and Bible Societies throughout the world cooperating to make Scriptures available to people everywhere in their own languages at prices they can easily afford.

At the present, nearly 97% of the world's people can secure at least a portion of the Bible in their own language. The society is publishing at five reading levels Scripture Selections in more than 200 languages for new readers.

Through the American Bible Society, youth of China has sponsored summer distribution of Scriptures for the past 11 years. The total distribution for the 11 years is 1,298,410 copies of the Scriptures.

A Bible Society staff of full-time linguists is assisting more than 3,000 translators working in over 500 languages. Bible Societies around the world are increasingly assisting local Christians to engage in personal Scripture distribution.

The 1974 United Bible Societies World Service Budget was set at a record $10 million, which the A.B.S. supplies approximately 53% of the budget. During 1973 the American Bible Society distributed 117,317,595 Scriptures in the United States alone.

Southern Baptist still consider the A.B.S. an essential part of their world wide mission program and support the American Bible Society by giving.

Southern Baptist have over the past eight years led all other U.S. denominations in their gifts

to the A.B.S. We can continue to see the fruits of the harvest if we are donors who believe that the "seed is the Word of God." Has your church given this year to the American Bible Society?

Respectfully submitted,
Kenneth W. Simpson

ANNUITY BOARD OF THE SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION

The Southern Baptist Convention Annuity Board paid out a record nearly $16 million in retirement and protection benefits during 1973. This means that in the Board's history, it has now paid out over $100 million in retirement and protection benefits.

More than 9,000 retired pastors and other church-related vocational workers or their widows receive the benefits.

In addition, the Annuity Board set another record. This one was for funds held in trust for those participating in retirement and protection plans while still in active service. About 38,000 pastors, other church staff and denominational agency employees are included.

Funds held in trust exceeded $350 million for the first time, President Darold H. Morgan reported.

The Board issued another 13th Check, or extra benefit, for annuitants shortly before Christmas 1973. It amounted to two extra months' worth of benefits and totaled $1,187,379. The 13th Check helps annuitants, whose benefits are fixed, to meet the rising cost of living. Payment on the 13th Check is over and above the 12 contracted monthly benefits and depends from year to year on investment income.

Board officials and national market experts expected the investment picture to brighten in 1974 after a poor performance in the general stock market in 1973 resulted in a deep cut in income from investments. Investment income declined to $10 million in 1973 after hitting a record of more than $22 million the year before.

The Board's decline in equity, or stock, investments paralleled the decline in the market generally, which affected all other types of investors as well. The major market indicators—Dow-Jones, Standard and Poor, and Value Line—all were down during the year.

By comparison, the Board's investments in mortgage loans and real estate leasebacks proved to be profit-making for the year. In an effort to continue earning from real estate investments, the Board announced a new type of Plan C investment called land equity loans. Plan C is the Board's variable benefit plan, which supplements the basic retirement program, called Plan A, for ministers.

Additional information on the Annuity Board may be secured from Development Office SBC Annuity Board, 511 North Akard Building, Dallas, Texas 75201.

ANNUITY BOARD STATISTICAL HIGHLIGHTS, 1973

RETIREMENT PLANS:	TOTAL MEMBERS
Plan A (Churches-agencies)	25,748
Plan B (Churches-agencies)	15,475
Plan C (Churches-agencies)	5,521

INSURANCE	TOTAL MEMBERS
Health Insurance	16,820
Group Life (Churches)	7,399
Group Life (agencies)	14,892
*Life Benefit Plan	4,105

* Closed to New Members

Total Benefits Paid (retirement)	$15,506,663
Relief Benefits	$189,742
Relief Recipients	405

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. Paul Crotts

1975 PROPOSED BUDGET

Missionary Salary	$6,400.00
Missionary Expense	500.00
Missionary Retirement	640.00
Missionary Health Benefit	436.00
Missionary Utilities	450.00
Secretary Salary	330.00
S.S. Director's Compensation	100.00
Miscellaneous Supplies	250.00
Machine Equipment Repair	50.00
Office Equipment	200.00
Postage	150.00
Church Training & "M" Night	75.00
Sunday School	200.00
Woman's Missionary Union	100.00
Royal Ambassadors	45.00
Minutes	800.00
Vacation Bible School	150.00
Evangelism	100.00
Brotherhood	25.00
South Mountain Camp	50.00
Church Music	50.00
Clerk's Compensation	200.00
Treasurer's Compensation	200.00
Communication	50.00
Training at Ridgecrest	325.00
Associational Speaker's Fee	150.00
Telephone	300.00
Missionary's Christmas Gift	50.00
Power (Lights)	120.00
Fuel	150.00
Church Administration Conference-Pastors	75.00
Office Unit Payments	1,000.00
Total	$13,721.00

N. C. CHILDREN'S HOME REPORT

Christian child care is a share adventure. We proceed by faith to build a helping relationship with children and their families in need. We cannot know in advance the final outcome, but we are confident of God's power to work in these relationships for reconciliation and healing.

Much has happened this year to strengthen the foundations for our ministry of child care. The recreation and administration buildings at Broyhill Home are nearing completion. A cottage and two staff residences at Kennedy Home will soon be dedicated. A challenge gift of $100,000 has been received for the development of Greer-Burris Home at Chapel Hill.

"The Mountain Within," a thirty-minute 16mm sound picture, has been filmed to tell the story of the Children's Homes. It was premiered at the Piedmont Area Conference September

12. Following extensive use on statewide television broadcasts, it was released for showings to churches, associations, civic clubs, and other interested groups on October 1. Place your order for the film through the Department of Communications of the Baptist State Convention.

Our Piedmont Area services have expanded significantly during the past year. Mills Home continues to provide the highest quality group care to more than two hundred school age children. Wall Home has pioneered with an exciting outdoor high-adventure program for a group of teen-age boys. Our first Emergency Care Home opened in Burlington May 21, and a similar home was opened in Charlotte in late summer. These two homes represent a cooperative venture with the Mount Zion and Mecklenburg Associations to provide emergency care on the local scene. New foster homes have been licensed and have increased the number of foster home children in care.

And continuing good will and generous support of our friends throughout the State make possible this vigorous and progressive ministry of child care. During the past year, North Carolina Baptists gave more than a million dollars to Christian child care in the North Carolina Baptist Children's Homes through the Cooperative Program, the Thanksgiving Offerings, and designated gifts and offerings. Rising costs and the need for expanding services challenge all of us—staff and supporters—to continue our investment in the shared adventure of Christian child care.

Respectfully submitted,
Fred Sain

CHRISTIAN HIGHER EDUCATION

While churches and colleges are not identical in their purposes, Baptist churches and Baptist colleges in North Carolina do their work in an atmosphere of mutual appreciation. This active partnership includes Baptist Youth Corps, student-led worship and revival services, visits to the campuses by pastors and other leaders, participation of faculty and staff in associational and local church programs, and special projects of promotion on behalf of the Cooperative Program.

Your seven Baptist Colleges are grateful for the continuing financial support which they receive through the Cooperative Program. During 1974, approximately $2,350,000 will undergird the work of North Carolina Baptist Colleges. At a very crucial and difficult time, these funds make a tremendous difference in the quality of programs offered by our schools.

Our Baptist colleges make a special effort to recruit North Carolina Baptist students through pastors and superintendents of missions. No qualified student will be turned away simply because of inability to pay. Baptist colleges are anxious to enroll the young people from our churches.

After twenty years of effective leadership, Dr. Budd E. Smith resigned the presidency of Wingate College. On June 1, 1974, Thomas E. Corts of Georgetown, Kentucky, assumed the presidency of the seventy-eight year old institution. Dr. Corts, the eleventh president of Wingate College, came to this position with excellent preparation and experience.

Our colleges—Campbell, Chowan, Gardner-Webb, Mars Hill, Meredith, Wake-Forest, and Wingate—work together and with the Baptist State Convention through the Council on Christian Higher Education. The Council office is eager to assist both the churches and the colleges in the promotion of understanding and cooperation as together they deal creatively with persons in the name of our Lord.

Respectfully submitted,
Michael E. Staton

CHURCH TRAINING

One of the greatest opportunities we have is that of training ourselves to become better

workers for the Master. "We are laborers together with God." (1 Corinthians 3:9a)

As we work along with God—think for a moment—couldn't we do more for Him if we would go to church on Sunday Night to study and prepare ourselves for this great task God has placed within our hands. He gave us the great command to go teach, baptize and win the lost. In order to accomplish this we need to first train ourselves.

Our Associational Leadership Workshop was held at Beulah. "M" Night was held at Zion Hill. The drama "The Church: The Sunday Night Place" was presented. Slides of our churches were also shown.

We urge you, in the coming year, to resolve right now to be present in your church every Sunday morning and Sunday night because "the fields are white unto harvest." Let us be ready to serve our Lord.

Respectfully submitted,
G. C. Wray

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COOPERATIVE PROGRAM

What is the Cooperative Program? It is a ministering hand extended out from the local church. It is a ministry through which your congregation may minister outside the four walls of the church house and your community.

Each church calls its pastor to minister to the needs of people in that church field. Each church is involved in calling a Superintendent of Missions for associational work. The local church is responsible for State leaders by attending the State Baptist Convention and voting your convictions. The local church has a voice in Home Missions as well as Foreign Missions. WITHOUT THE LOCAL CHURCH associational, State, Home and Foreign Missions would

cease to be. All ministeries supported through the Cooperative Program are arms of the local church reaching out.

Matthew 28:19, Mark 16:15, Luke 24:47, and Acts 1:8 tell us we are to begin at home and go out to the uttermost part of the earth. God inspired men with a way and means whereby every church can go to the ends of the earth. We can witness to the lost, help provided for orphan children, meet physical needs through our Baptist hospitals, train young pastors and missionaries, start new churches and missions, by supporting the Cooperative Program. One local church cannot do all this alone, but together we can share Christ with a lost and dying world.

Are you interested in enlarging the spreading of the gospel by your church and congregation? You can have an important hand in telling this world about Christ through our Cooperative Program effort. The World Mission Program of the local church will increase only as the vision of the local church congregation expands.

Respectfully submitted,
Thomas E. Berry

EVANGELISM REPORT

Every time a young person sticks a needle in his arm, a rock concert is held or an adult seeks pleasures that are deadly, there is a cry that pleads for help. People are searching for the truth of life. The greatest tragedy of our time is not Watergate with all its problems. Our greatest tragedy is not the high rise of inflation that is crippling our country. Nor is our tragedy the war in the Middle East with its bloodshed. Our greatest tragedy, the world over is the fact that millions are searching for truth and I am afraid we are neglecting their cries. Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth, and the Life."

We have one message for a lost world, but it is the one message that works, JESUS. I could quote statistics of evangelism throughout the world. I could tell of the great work that is going on in the nation concerning evangelism. But I am concerned with the evangelistic work in our association, in our towns, in our communities, and in our homes.

Evangelism does not seem to be a popular subject in South Mountain Association. I challenge you to let this coming year be the year that we take the words of Jesus seriously, "But ye shall receive power, after the Holy Spirit is come upon you; and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth."

Let us be witnesses first at home (Jerusalem), in our State (Judaea), in our nation (Samaria) and in our world (The uttermost parts of the earth).

Respectfully submitted,
Ken Simpson

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

Regularly scheduled quarterly meetings plus several special sessions of the South Mountain Baptist Association were held to take care of business items and to record any progress we have made since our last annual meeting. Rev. Raymond Crook, newly elected moderator, has furnished excellent leadership and we appreciate his interest and ability in guiding affairs.

Rev. Thomas Berry has actively supported and represented our association at the State meetings for Superintendents of Missions as well as special interest meetings held to promote all phases of Baptist work in North Carolina.

Our association sent a full slate of department representatives to the State Vacation Bible School Clinic held at Wingate College. After receiving instruction and inspiration they led representatives from all departments of our local churches in a very successful clinic to promote Vacation Bible Schools in all areas of our association.

Four new pastors: Rev. Ray Woody of South Fork; Rev. Ralph Teague of Grace and Truth;

Rev. Gwyn Sullivan of Berea, and Rev. Elwood Caulder of Midway were introduced to the Executive officers and associational workers. We welcome these new ministers and wish them success and God's blessings in their new work.

Publicity was given to Baptist Men's Day held on January 27. November 17, 1974, has been set by the Southern Baptist Convention as high attendance day across the nation. Results will be relayed from local churches to the associations, on to the state, and then announced by the national Broadcasting Companies.

In an effort to increase attendance, it was proposed that we participate in this project and churches were urged to take a census of their communities to locate prospects and contact those who have neglected attendance at regular worship services.

The Missions Committee again submitted to the Baptist State Convention an application for financial assistance for our Superintendent of Missions.

After sending local representatives to Ridgecrest to prepare themselves for effective church training, the associational clinic was so poorly attended that the workers were discouraged. It was proposed that this year we send only one representative and then secure state leaders to help in carrying out the Associational Church Training program. The emphasis this year has been "CHURCH: THE SUNDAY NIGHT PLACE TO BE."

In lieu of building an Associational Office, the committee recommended the purchase of a mobile office 12 x 60 feet at the approximate cost of $5600. Letters were sent to churches asking for donations of $100 or $50 depending upon the size of the churches for a down-payment on the trailer unit. In addition to purchasing, the committee was authorized to oversee the installation and secure all necessary utilities and services. The treasurer reported receipts of $1925 for the mobile office.

Fred Sain and Ed Keller were named as trustees for the Association following the resignation of the former trustees.

Approximately 180 persons from 27 churches attended the Vacation Bible School Clinic held at Pisgah. Local leaders were assisted by six visitors from various parts of the state in conducting a very worthwhile clinic for local church leaders in every department. Our expenses included 15 cents per mile for travel plus meals. We are grateful for their help and feel that perhaps this will result in improved programs in all of our churches.

Elizabeth Bennett, serving as clerk, submitted a request for Laurel Haven, a newly organized church, to come under the watch care of the association for a year. The ministers, Berry, Wray, and Mull, contacted the members and members of the Petitionary Committee: Cecil Buff and Z. W. Settlemyer favored acceptance, the action to be taken at the Annual Associational Meeting in 1975.

The Association was fortunate in having college students from Gardner Webb visit participating churches on the date designated as Ministerial Day.

Due to having a pump stolen and the Associational Office being broken into on two different occasions, it was voted that the value of the trailer and its contents be set at $2000; and that insurance be secured to cover this amount. The equipment value will be reviewed annually and the insurance up-dated and increased accordingly. In view of the shortage and great need for equipment, it was recommended that churches, Brotherhoods, or WMS consider furnishing items of equipment as a special project.

Robert Berry resigned from the Recreation Committee and the Committee on Committees was authorized to secure a replacement for his position on the Committee. Ray Melton was named to fulfill the vacancy on the committee.

Thomas Berry, our Superintendent of Missions, was hospitalized during the year and required surgery on three occasions, thereby incurring great medical expense. The love offerings from the association and churches amounted to a donation of $1400 to him to help with medical costs.

The Executive Committee voted to suspend the 4-week limit and passed a motion allowing the Superintendent of Missions to serve a reasonable time in a church without a pastor. His service would terminate when a pastor is called.

Due to the resignation of Rev. Ronald Martin and his withdrawal from the association, it became necessary to find a new member to replace him on the committee on committees.

The Executive Committee appreciated the work of the officers and members, but is highly desirous of even fuller participation and greater attendance at all meetings designed to handle

business matters for all churches of the association. May the leadership of the Holy Spirit guide our thinking and actions to an even greater committment to the work of our association.

Respectfully submitted,
Lucille Upton

MISSIONS REPORT

What a great opportunity we have to give, go and work through missions. Through our Special Offerings, we can give to Foreign Missions, Home Missions, and State Missions. Through the Cooperative Program we can also share in mission work. Through our local churches we can minister to the needs of our people.

There are two I's in the word missions. May this remind us to keep both EYES open to the needs around us and then be ready and willing to care for those needs. God did not give us an impossible mission. Jesus said, "Inasmuch as ye did it unto one of the least of these, ye did it unto me."

The Mission Committee applied to the Division of Mission Ministries for aid for our Associational Superintendent of Missions and we received $2,208.00.

Respectfully submitted,
G. C. Wray

FOREIGN MISSIONS REPORT

TO GOD BE THE GLORY! We Southern Baptists are a people who believe in missions from "Home Base" to the "Uttermost part of the earth." Our Commission is to evangelize the whole world. This Commission is 2,000 years old, and comes to us from the lips of Jesus, our Saviour, Lord and Master as He stood with His disciples on the Mount of Olives just moments before His ascension to His Father in Heaven. His command was simple, direct and to the point: "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you." (Matthew 28:19, 20)

In obedience to this command our Foreign Mission Board is constantly striving to enlarge and strengthen its overseas ministry. Our Foreign Mission Board was able to add 48 persons to its overseas force this year. These 48 new Appointees will give us a total of 2,577 Foreign Missionaries serving in 80 countries around the world.

As of August 1, 1974, the overseas Missionary force in these 80 countries is divided into the following categories:

Career Missionaries	2,237
Missionary Associates	187
Missionary Journeymen	150
Special Project	3
TOTAL	2,577

These may sound like very impressive figures, but there are not enough missionaries to "Preach the Gospel to every creature," as Jesus commanded us to do. Our Foreign Mission Board needs the prayers and financial support of every Baptist Church and every Baptist Believer within the bounds of the entire Southern Baptist Convention.

We thank God for the support given to Foreign Missions by our South Mountain Baptist Churches during the past year. 10 of our churches designated $11,600 through the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for Foreign Missions. 19 of our churches gave approximately $1,515 to Foreign Missions through the Cooperative Program. Our total gifts to Foreign Missions amounted to almost $13,115. This is good, but it should be more. We urge each of our Baptist churches to support our mission work through the Cooperative Program as it is the "Lifeline of our Missionaries' work," taking care of their daily needs and the needs of the work.

Respectfully submitted,
Ralph Staton

HOME MISSION REPORT

We desperately need a spiritual and moral awakening in our homeland. We need a turning to God, a healing of our nation.

Every church is where the action is. Your Home Mission Board is also where the action is. The Board undergirds the work of young congregations and young state conventions in pioneer mission areas.

The Home Mission Board is ministering to needy human beings in the name of Christ. It serves in sub-divisions, in apartments, and rural communities. It serves persons of all ages and races. Its objective is to help people find Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour, forgiveness, purpose and meaning of life.

Increased cost of operation in Home Missions has kept our board from increasing our missionary personnel as we had hoped, although churches have increased their support through the Cooperative Program and the Annie Armstrong Offerings.

The high cost of living is making our missionaries income insufficient to meet their needs. So we must increase their salary to keep pace with the rising cost of living. We ask your help in giving through the Cooperative Program and the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering. We ask you to pray for the missionaries and the work they are seeking to do.

Let each of us look to God for wisdom, strength, and compassion as we serve along with our appointed missionaries to make Christ known in our homeland.

Respectfully submitted,
Edsel Mull

NORTH CAROLINA BAPTIST HOMES FOR THE AGING

Among the many vital ministries that you, as a Baptist, support are your North Carolina Baptist Homes for the Aging. For over 23 years now, you have had a part in serving hundreds of older people and making life much happier and secure for them. You have done this through two very helpful means of income: (1) The Special Offering for the Homes, received on the 3rd Sunday of February each year; (2) The Cooperative Program. Gifts through these two sources have increased from year to year, and offerings for 1974 will perhaps exceed $350,000, providing more than 30% of the budget needed to operate 5 resident Homes and the Nursing Care Unit.

God, through you, has blessed this ministry of our Baptist Homes in a remarkable way, leading you to establish two Homes in Winston-Salem, Resthaven, and the Hayes Homes, and the Nursing Care Unit, and three other Homes at Albermarle, Hamilton, and Yanceyville. In these Homes, 4 out of every 5 residents depend upon your love gifts and simply could not be cared for without your help.

Of greatest significance during the past year, has been the decision by the Trustees of the Homes to establish a 6th Home in Western North Carolina, to be located in the city of Asheville on the Pearson Estate, a magnificently beautiful twenty-one acre site overlooking the city, and with the gorgeous Blue Ridge Mountains in the background. A dedicated group of people in the Western Carolina area have organized the first initial phase of what will become, it is hoped, a major State-Wide fund-raising effort to obtain the necessary money to build this proposed Home, after approval by the General Board, and the Baptist State Convention. Church groups are encouraged to visit the beautiful site on which the proposed Home will be built, and will be served lunch, if an appointment is made in advance.

With the addition of a sixth Home for the Aging, with the spiraling cost of living, and the great and ever-increasing needs of older people, it is most urgent that our Baptist people be more generous than ever before in support for the Homes through the regular channels of the 3rd Sunday of February Offering, the Cooperative Program, and an over and above gift for the Western North Carolina Home.

Ministry to an older person is a direct ministry as unto Christ Himself and is most pleasing to Him, we are sure!

One of the most meaningful things that you do, as a Baptist, is the share that you have in the ministry of your North Carolina Baptist Homes for the Aging. We hope that it always will be. God bless you for your share in this ministry to the aging.

Respectfully submitted,
Warren Yancey

BAPTIST HOSPITAL REPORT

In spite of the growth in size and complexity at our Baptist Hospital, the emphasis is still upon "ministering with skill and understanding." Evidence of this is a typical patient's remark recently: "From the head surgeon to the aide who handed me a glass of water, with all the doctors, nurses, people in the business offices and chaplains in between, I was cheerfully given every personal consideration."

Changes and additions continue to be made for the purpose of providing better hospital care. Renovation of the Progressive Care Unit has been completed, and the South and West wings of the hospital building are now being renovated. Construction of the Amblatory Care Unit is well under way and is scheduled for completion in the spring, or early summer, of 1975

New discoveries continue to make possible better medical care. For example, a new Emi-Scanner is to be installed and is expected to be in use before the end of this year. This device, which combines the use of X-rays and computors, will make it possible to detect brain tumors, blood clots, and strokes more accurately and more quickly. Scans can be completed in about 30 minutes and the results can be available in another five minutes. There is no risk or discomfort involved, and the patient does not have to be admitted to the hospital.

New approaches are also being made in the hospital's ministry to the emotional and spiritual needs of people. The Division of Human Enrichment and Development, in the Department of Pastoral Care, is conducting retreats, seminars, and workshops designed to help appropriate the resources of the Christian faith to the various areas and experiences of life. The Pastoral Care Department has also opened its first Satellite Center in Fayetteville, to offer counseling and training to people in that area. Your Cooperative Program gifts help to support these ministries.

The School of Nursing graduated its last class in May. The school has been in the process of phasing out for the past three years, as the result of a Trustee decision made in 1971.

In January, the hospital had its only room rate increase in the past three and one half years. Nevertheless, the hospital continues to operate "in the Black." The 1973 Mother's Day Offerings amounted to $375,000. At the time of this writing, our 1974 Mother's Day Offering is running ahead of the same time last year. These gifts are used to assist patients with the most urgent financial needs. A special committee of five Baptists from the Winston-Salem area assist personnel from the hospital Business Office and the Department of Denominational Relations in administering these funds.

In 1973, 22 churches in our association contributed a total of $2,189.35. So far this year (January-June), 17 churches have contributed $1,384.03. Hopefully, we will surpass last year's total to help our hospital meet the rising cost of medical treatment.

Respectfully submitted,
Cecil Cook

IN MEMORIAM

As we come to the close of another associational year and look forward to a new one, our hearts feel the sense of loss that abides with us because of the departure of those within our associational family. We cannot change or cease to feel this loss. But we can feel the love of God as He comforts us, knowing that He can take in His arms the little child, welcome home the gentle saints gone to Him and make strong the souls whom He has called up higher. This lifts our spirits and causes us to say with the poet:

As up life's mountain side I stray,
Thinking how wearisome the way,
I hear a sweet voice softly say,
"Tis better farther on."

When up the last steep hill we go,
And see the valley all below,
'Tis then we feel and see and know,
"Tis better farther on."

(From "Consolation" by
Mrs. Charles Cowman)

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. Frank Hicks

Our Beloved Dead

ABEE CHAPEL
Frank D. Lail
Mrs. Mae Mourglea

BEREA
Arthur Tallant

CORINTH
Orphus Short

DROWNING CREEK
Harold Klutz (Deacon)
Palma Franklin

HOYLE MEMORIAL
James Lail
Mrs. Edith Swink

MT. GILEAD
Lafayette York
Pink Swink

MT. HEBRON
Mrs. Coralee Eller
Mrs. Trudy Stroupe
Lloyd Lowman
Miss Pearl Stilwell

MT. VERNON
Mrs. Florence Shull
Mrs. Della Houser

MT. ZION
Roland Price (Deacon)

OAK RIDGE
John Beach (Deacon)
Mrs. Lenas Carpenter

OLIVE GROVE
Mrs. Etta Walker
Thomas Spake

PISGAH
Mrs. Maie Pruett

PLEASANT GROVE
John E. Lindsay (Deacon)
Mrs. Mary D. Brown

ST. JOHN
Mrs. Ollie Huffman

ST. PAUL
Mrs. Lelia Cook
J. A. Morrison (Deacon)
Marvin Newton
Lee Hoyle

MT. CALVARY
James Carswell

WILKIES GROVE
Doug Bailey

ZION HILL
Walter Sigmon
Howard Ramsey
Mrs. Claudia Propst
Mrs. Elgie Bivens

SOUTH FORK
Mrs. Callie Young
George Morgen
Roy Young

WALKERS CHAPEL
Mrs. Ida Huffman

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

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Vice-Moderator ..... Rev. Gwyn Sullivan
Treasurer ..... Miss Doris Upton
Clerk ..... Miss Lucille Upton
Sunday School Director ..... Fred Sain
Church Training Director ..... Rev. G. C. Wray
Brotherhood Director ..... Carl Green
WMU Director ..... Mrs. Jesse Fortenberry
R. A. Leader ..... Ricky Sain
Music Director ..... Kenneth Sain
Pianist ..... Mrs. Coleen Sain
Historian ..... Mrs. Aileen Berry

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S.B.C. Annuity ..... Rev. Edsel Mull
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Christian Stewardship ..... Robert Berry
Obituaries ..... Miss Lucille Upton
Children's Homes ..... Mrs. Pearl Chapman
Homes of the Aging ..... Rev. Derrell Pruette
American Bible Society ..... Rev. Cecil Buff

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. J. Richard Adams, Chm.
Cecil Cook
Russell Huffman
Fred Sain

PUBLIC MORALS AND TEMPERANCE

Our country was founded with high moral standards, with respect for law and order and a strong belief in the Christian Ethic. The Bible was accepted as the authoritative Word of God and its teachings and laws were believed and practiced by leaders in the homes, community, and government.

At one time our country was considered a Christian nation but this is no longer true and we deceive ourselves if we continue to think that it is. For many decades now, morality has been losing ground to the practice of immorality. Sin is being manifest in so very many ways in our day and time: murder, kidnappings, hi-jackings, lust, pornography, illicit sex, homo-sexuality, streaking, lying, stealing, drug addiction, drinking of beer, wine, whiskey, and hard liquors, ungodly and obscene movies. The sin of immorality has been and is continuing to take its toll in our homes, communities, schools, churches and nation. The sin of corruption is taking its toll.

Morality has been giving way to immorality; and now it seems that immorality is giving way to "amorality." Amorality is different from immorality in that amorality sees no wrong in anything. The amoral person really has no conscience as to whether anything is right or wrong; to

him there is no such things as morality or immorality. It seems to me that "Watergate" is a good example of an amoral society. Another example is all the X and R rated movies that are being produced and shown in the local theaters of our communities. When a person or a community becomes amoral, they are not far from the beasts of the field. The sin of "amorality" is in many ways worse than the sin of immorality. The immoral person does acknowledge right as well as wrong and there is a good chance that he can be reached with the gospel of redeeming love, but the "amoral" person has no conscience to which the Word of God can speak. . .because, for one thing, he does not recognize the authority of God's Word. . .He does not even recognize God!

We as religious leaders, parents, and educators must call our people, our children, and our students back to a strong, living and vital faith in the authoritative Word of Almighty God; not only to believe it, but to read it, study it, and to practice what the Word of God teaches, to shun what it forbids, and to claim what it promises. We must also endeavor to put into public office those persons who give evidence of a Christian lifestyle, persons of integrity, persons who are worthy of our trust and confidence. If we continue to put into political office people who have no public morals there is no hope for our country. We will be destroyed from within by our own corruption.

May God give every Christian the grace and the courage to stand up for what is right, to believe the Word of God, to share the love of Jesus Christ with a lost and dying world, to be a daily witness to Christ's redeeming love by letting others see Jesus in us. May we all let the Word of God have its rightful place in our hearts, lives, homes and as a result, it will have its place in our communities and nation. Lord let it be!

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. Gwyn P. Sullivan

RELIGIOUS LITERATURE REPORT

The BIBLICAL RECORDER is grateful for another good year, although these are difficult days for religious publications. Some have had to go out of business while others are squeezed by rising costs. The RECORDER has not escaped the pressures of inflation. For example, paper has risen 61 per cent already this year—and the end is not in sight.

Even so, the RECORDER has been in business for 141 years and expects to continue. A few changes have to be made, however, to keep the paper strong. As staff members have resigned or retired, they have not been replaced. Some weeks the number of pages has to be reduced to save money, but readers have been very understanding.

Despite some problems, the RECORDER is enjoying its highest circulation in history—more than 111,000—thanks to the continuing support of the vast majority of Baptist churches in the state. These churches and their members remember the part the RECORDER played in the overwhelming defeat of liquor by the drink last November. This is probably the most significant story that the RECORDER has reported since the associations met last year. You will remember that approximately 70 per cent of the voters in the state voted against liquor by the drink and it was defeated in 97 of 100 counties. This should take care of this issue for awhile.

The RECORDER will continue its emphasis on local church coverage, seeking to deal with problems that every church has. Naturally, we are prejudiced, but we do not believe any publication can take the place of the BIBLICAL RECORDER. If your church does not send it to every family, may we ask a simple question: Why? At a cost of only a nickel a week for each family, this is the best investment a Baptist church can make. Put the RECORDER in the budget before it has to increase the rate because of inflation.

Respectfully submitted,
Cecil Buff

OTHER CHRISTIAN LITERATURE

A lot of materials may be obtained from many different sources, but a few that should be important to us are: HOME LIFE, OPEN WINDOWS, AND ENCOUNTER. Many other printed materials may be obtained through Materials Service Department of the Sunday School Department, Nashville, Tennessee. We feel the above mentioned periodicals help to build Family relationships. Providing Christian Literature for its membership is a church's opportunity to strengthen family life and build the church.

Christian Literature "makes good homes better homes and makes good family life better."

Respectfully submitted,
Robert Berry

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

We feel that the sixty-fourth annual meeting of the South Mountain Baptist Association has been a very profitable one. We are grateful to our Heavenly Father for His guidance during the past year, for His leadership in building up Christians in the faith, for the progress that has been made in each individual church and for affording us another opportunity for assembling together in love and Christian fellowship in our Association.

We appreciate the leadership of our officers, leaders and pastors in carrying forward this great work of our Lord. We pledge anew our loyal support and cooperation to our officers during the coming year in helping to promote our Father's Business.

Be it resolved that we express our heartfelt gratitude to the St. Paul and Shoup's Grove Churches for their very fine hospitality, in providing places to meet and providing food for the messengers.

Respectfully submitted,
Paul Crotts,
James Bradley
Fred Sain

SOUTH MOUNTAIN BAPTIST CAMP REPORT

THEME: "HIS WILL—MY WILL"

Christian greetings to our South Mountain Camp Friends. We first just want to say "Praise the Lord" for many victories this summer. Many of our campers say, "This has been the greatest week of my life." Others say, "What a blessing the camp program is to me." Many pastors write saying, "Our young people come home excited about serving our Lord, Jesus Christ." Thank God for these and other testimonies.

Our camp continues to grow in attendance, with an average of 237 weekly for the summer. A total of 85 came from our association. This summer, campers considered how to know Christ and how to know and do His will. They were made aware of the needs of a lost world and were challenged to share Christ throughout the world. Above all, our camp continues to grow spiritually. Decisions for Christ amounting to 1200, of which 330 were professions of faith. "Hallelujah."

CAMP OUTREACH: Our camp staff, consisting of about 30 young people, conducted worship services in 14 different churches. Over 200 decisions for Christ were made in these services.

SOMETHING NEW: For the first time, we had a sign language class taught each day for those campers who were interested in learning to communicate with the deaf. Many responded to this class.

GOOD NEWS: Kester Furniture Stores of Shelby and Hickory have donated $5,350 to purchase and improve the Mount Hebron cottage. It will now be called the "Kester Memorial Cottage."

CAMP CHAPEL: Our Chapel which is now under construction is closed in, insulated, has the wiring and plumbing roughed in, and has one-fourth of the ceiling completed. The grading for the Chapel was donated by Mr. Truman Williams, and Mr. J. C. Cook gave of his time and machinery to saw some lumber for us. We continually praise the Lord for men like these and for the 35 other Christian men who have donated volunteer labor on the chapel. We have spent approximately $20,000 thus far on the 50' x 80' two story building.

URGENT NEEDS: We would like to see our Chapel finished by March of 1975, and we urge each church to make a worthy investment in this endeavor. We estimate this cost to be approximately $20,000. Please remember to include the camp in your budget. Also, our Staff cabin needs some improvements along with some of our other cabins and beds. We really need some volunteer labor on our Chapel. It is a blessed fact, that by giving of your means to such a ministry as this, you help preach, teach, and sing the gospel long after your voice is no longer heard in this world.

OPPORTUNITIES: We invite you to use our Camp for retreats, church picnics, field days, and other church related activities. Also, plan early for camp attendance in 1975.

If we can be of help in presenting the Camp message to your church, please contact me at 437-8308 (Residence) or 437-8788 (Camp).

Respectfully submitted,
T. A. Lineberger

STATE MISSIONS REPORT

The State Missions program is directed by the Baptist State Convention, Raleigh, North Carolina. It sponsors 51 different ministeries throughout our state, with a proposed budget of $400,000 for the year 1974. In addition, the State Mission office will provide us the necessary tools to implement these and other missions within the scope of our local church.

It is imperative that we learn of the mission needs within our state, and then ask how we can best serve. Let us seek the leadership of our Lord, then be obedient to His gospel. Jesus said, "As my Father hath sent me, even so send I you." He also said, "Ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the utter part of the earth."

State Missions, therefore, is actually the mission of evangelism in our state. We can share the gospel with those less fortunate and in need by giving of our services. For many of us, we can fill that service by giving an offering to support the budget of our State Missions, thereby we willing, but cannot go, but our financial support will send those that are willing and can go.

Respectfully submitted,
Russell L. Huffman

STEWARDSHIP
SOUTH MOUNTAIN ASSOCIATION
COOPERATIVE PROGRAM RECEIPTS

Cooperative Program gifts actually received by the Business Office of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina for the period listed below. These gifts are dividied among all missions, educational, and benevolent work of the denomination.

Special offerings from the churches are not included in these figures. Check with your church records and please report any difference to the Business Office, P.O. Box 26508, Raleigh, N. C. 27611.

CHURCHES	CURRENT QUARTER	TO DATE ABOVE	TO THIS DATE LAST YEAR	GOAL % OF CH. BUDGET
Abees Chapel	100.00	100.00	.00	
Berea	1,928.34	3,815.94	3,319.73	1.4
Beulah	.00	.00	.00	5
Carswell Memorial	30.00	30.00	30.00	3
Corinth	135.00	270.00	240.00	
Drowning Creek	.00	.00	.00	
Faith Olive	.00	15.00	44.83	
Grace and Truth	.00	.00	.00	
Hildebran View	.00	.00	.00	
Hoyle Memorial	.00	.00	.00	
Midway	31.99	31.99	.00	
Mt. Calvary	.00	.00	.00	
Mt. Gilead	.00	.00	.00	1
Mt. Hebron	780.00	1,560.00	1,559.25	8
Mt. Vernon	731.13	1,385.84	1,096.16	15
Mt. Zion	.00	.00	217.15	
Mulls Chapel	.00	.00	56.59	
Oak Ridge	1,440.00	1,940.00	1,000.00	
Olive Grove	.00	.00	.00	
Philadelphia	.00	.00	37.16	
Pisgah	431.25	431.25	281.58	4
Pleasant Grove	.00	.00	.00	
St. Johns	.00	.00	.00	
St. Paul	106.85	106.85	210.00	
Shoupes Grove	225.00	450.00	375.00	10
Smarts Grove	.00	.00	.00	
South Fork	170.35	345.19	365.77	12
Tabernacle	.00	.00	.00	
Walkers Chapel	.00	.00	.00	
Wilkies Grove	1,128.96	1,758.22	1,472.80	10.5
Zion Hill	484.92	1,007.46	509.34	10
Zoar	.00	.00	.00	
TOTAL	7,723.79	13,247.74	10,815.36	

SUPERINTENDENT OF MISSIONS REPORT

As we look back on another year that has come to a close, we have mixed emotions concerning the work of the association and churches. Perhaps the largest accomplishment on the associational level was the purchasing of a new mobile office unit. Because of reasons of health, we haven't been as active as we would have liked. My travels and attendance of state meetings have been the least since coming as your Superintendent of Missions.

In looking over the church letters, we find the churches have had another good year. However, there are some areas of alarm. Baptisms were only about 60% of last year. Our average attendance in Sunday School was off some. Mission gifts were up this year which indicates our people are taking the Great Commission of our Lord more seriously.

The past year is gone for the association and the local church. We cannot do anything about that. However, we can look ahead to a new year if Christ permits us to see another year.

Pray for us as we strive to serve you and your churches. My home and your new office is open any hour of the day. Please feel free to call or come by.

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. Thomas E. Berry
Superintendent of Missions

TIME, PLACE, PREACHER

Time: October 16-17, 1975

Places: Mt. Hebron
Olive Grove

Preachers: Missionary Message — Buren Hastins
Robert Beck—Alternate

Doctrinal Message — Gwyn Sullivan
Joe Edwards—Alternate

SOUTH MOUNTAIN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
FINANCIAL REPORT
(9/1/73 to 8/31/74)

Balance on Hand 9/1/73		$3,027.87
RECEIPTS		
Miscellaneous	894.82	
Baptist State Convention	2,208.00	
Abee's Chapel	295.00	
Berea	855.00	
Beulah	220.00	
Carswell Memorial	275.00	
Corinth	350.00	
Drowning Creek	75.00	
Faith Olive	33.08	
Grace & Truth	31.25	
Hildebran View	10.00	
Midway	20.00	
Mt. Calvary	6.00	
Mt. Gilead	15.00	
Mt. Hebron	691.50	
Mt. Vernon	1,092.89	
Mt. Zion	50.00	
Mull's Chapel	150.00	
Oak Ridge	805.00	
Olive Grove	171.25	
Philadelphia	290.16	
Pisgah	180.00	
Pleasant Grove	30.00	
St. John's	200.00	
St. Paul	125.00	
Shoup's Grove	378.75	
South Fork	636.41	
Walker's Chapel	70.00	
Wilkies Grove	2,079.10	
Zoar	15.00	
Zion Hill	1,101.08	
Total Receipts	13,354.29	
Balance on Hand and Receipts		16,382.16

EXPENSES	
Missionary's Salary	6,366.67
Missionary's Expense	200.00
Missionary's Retirement	533.40
Missionary's Health Benefit	255.00
Missionary's Utilities	300.00
Secretary's Salary	300.00
Sunday School Director's Compen.	100.00
Postage	117.40
Miscellaneous Supplies	173.01
Telephone	421.48
Christian Action League	95.00
Christmas Gift to Supt. of Missions	50.00
Church Training	15.49
Vacation Bible School	92.72
R.A.	27.00
Minutes	344.00
Sunday School	53.28
Evangelism	50.00
Mobile Office	3,496.20
Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly	70.00
W.M.U.	100.00
Clerk's Compensation	200.00
Treasurer's Compensation	200.00
Miscellaneous	623.65
South Mountain Camp	50.00
Total Expense	14,234.30
Balance on Hand 8/31/74	$2,147.86

Respectfully submitted,
Doris Upton, Treasurer

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION REPORT

As we stop to evaluate the progress made through Woman's Missionary Union in 1973-74, we become aware of how little it is.

The concern of Woman's Missionary Union is to help the church fulfill its mission by emphasizing the importance of missions at home and to the ends of the earth.

It works together with the Sunday School, Church Training, Brotherhood, and Music ministry of the church, and each one has a special and important task to carry on.

WMU offers women the greatest challenge on earth; that of helping bring the lost to Christ. We must share the gospel of Christ, teach missions, pray for missions, and give to missions.

The spring annual WMU meeting for inspiration and information was held at the Zion Hill Baptist Church on April 23. The program was inspirational and enjoyed by about forty women from the churches and two pastors.

The associational workshop for WMU leaders was held at Mt. Hebron Baptist Church on September 23. Conference leaders for each group were:

WMU Directors and Assistants	Mrs. Mavis Fortenberry, Director Mrs. Verona McNeilly, Asst. Dir.
Baptist Women	Mrs. Raymond Crook
Baptist Young Women	Mrs. Glenda Huffman
Acteens	Mrs. G. C. Wray
Girls in Action	Mrs. Nancy Clay
Mission Friends	Mrs. Thomas Berry

The leaders went to Fruitland to gain information for the Workshop from the State WMU leaders who taught the conferences there.

It takes work, faith, prayer, and patience to keep WMU work alive in a church. But it is well worth the effort if we can cause people to be aware of the importance of giving the gospel of Christ to the whole world.

We wish to thank the associational leaders who have been willing to give of their time and energy to learn and to train others.

We also wish to extend our appreciation to the church WMU leaders who have been faithful in keeping missionary work alive in their respective churches.

And our thanks to the pastors who have been patient and helpful to the missionary organizations in their churches.

It is our hope and prayer that more of the women in our association will see the great need around them and become involved in this great work. May our Lord lead us in the coming year to go forward with a greater zeal and determination, that all the ends of the world may turn to Him and that His way will be known to all people everywhere.

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. Mavis Fortenberry

CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE REPORT

The Constitution Committee would like to place before you the following proposed changes in the Constitution and duties of the Committees:

CONSTITUTION

Article 12-A. Add MUSIC DIRECTORS to the list as members of the Executive Committee

Article 15. Change first word ONLY to the word NO. This would read, "No one person shall....."

COMMITTEES AND THEIR DUTIES

Section 5—delete the MUSIC COMMITTEE from this section.

Section 7—Add the offices of V. B. S. Director, RA Director, Brotherhood Director to the Duties of the Nominating Committee.

Section 7A—Add V. B. S. and music to this section.

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. Edsel Mull

OFFICE REPORT

We are thankful to God for His blessings. This year we were able to purchase a mobile office (12' x 60') unit. This was made possible by the churches of our association as they were led of God to give. Nineteen churches designated $1,925.

Cost of Unit	$5,349.00
Sales Tax	107.00
Total	$5,456.00
Down Payments	$1,500.00
Balance	$3,956.00
Plus Insur.	542.00
Finance Charge	2,477.36
Owing a balance of	$6,975.36
Finance 84 months	
Monthly Payments	$83.04

PREPARING LOT	
Wiring & Elect.	$259.01
Well, pump, septic tank & plumbing	869.72
Contents Ins.	27.00
Bldg. Permit	7.00
Grading, stone, & tile for drive	418.27
TOTAL	$1,581.00

Well pump (to replace one stolen)
20 folding chairs
Electric Range
Coffee pot
Kitchen Pots and Towels
$20.00 from W.M.U. group

Respectfully submitted,
Ronald Martin

Church Directory

ORGANISTS
(or Pianist if no Organist)

Abee's Chapel ..... Delores Buchanan, Rt. 3, Box 66, Connelly Sprgs. 28612
Berea .....
Beulah ..... Mrs. Danny Young, Rt. 3, Vale 28168
Carswell Memorial ..... Debbie Carswell, Rt. 11, Box 477, Morganton 28655
Corinth ..... Mrs. Sondra Earl, Rt. 1, Casar 28020
Drowning Creek ..... Mrs. Ruth Decker, Box 116, Rhodhiss 28667
Faith Olive ..... Mrs. Louise Bowman, Rt. 8, Hickory 28601
Grace & Truth .....
Hildebran View ..... Mrs. Addie Hudson, Rt. 4, Hickory 28601
Hoyle Memorial ..... Sanford Burns, Rt. 1, Connelly Springs 28612
Midway ..... Mrs. Kathy Eckard, 3379 14th Ave. S.W. Hickory 28601
Mt. Calvary ..... Belinda Lowman, Rt. 1, Connelly Sprgs. 28612
Mt. Gilead ..... Mrs. Mary McNeely, Rt. 4, Morganton 28655
Mt. Hebron ..... Mrs. Jettie Crook, Rt. 3, Box 702, Connelly Springs 28612
Mt. Vernon ..... Mrs. Joyce Goodman, Rt. 2, Vale 28168
Mt. Zion ..... Libby Angel, Rt. 1, Casar 28020
Mull's Chapel ..... Mrs. Addie McClurd, 813 Rostan St., Valdese 28690
Oak Ridge ..... Mrs. Lydia Pierce
Olive Grove ..... Mrs. Eva Walker, Rt. 1, Casar 28020
Philadelphia ..... Marilyn Brittain, Rt. 1, Connelly Springs 28612
Pisgah ..... Mrs. Jerald Norman, Rt. 1, Casar 28020
Pleasant Grove ..... Norma J. Martin, Rt. 1, Box 225, Connelly Springs 28612
St. John's ..... Sylvia Willis, Rt. 4, Hickory 28601
Shoup's Grove ..... Linda Kiser, Box 89, Icard 28666
Smart's Grove ..... Mrs. Mabel Lowman, Rt. 3, Box 890, Connelly Springs 28612
South Fork ..... Mrs. Sherry Huffman, Rt. 1, Box 106, Connelly Springs 28612
St. Paul ..... Bentha A. Cook, Rt. 1, Casar 28020
Tabernacle ..... Mrs. Marie Towery, Rt. 1, Lawndale 28090
Walker's Chapel ..... Mrs. Blaka Bradley, Rt. 4, Morganton 28655
Wilkie's Grove ..... Beverly Wilson, Rt. 4, Hickory 28601
Zion Hill ..... Mrs. Frank Hicks, Rt. 3, Lawndale 28090
Zoar ..... Brenda Chapman, Rt. 1, Casar 28020

ORDAINED MINISTERS

Abee's Chapel ..... Mack Hodge, Rt. 3, Box 627, Spruce Pine 28777
Ralph Abee, Rt. 1, Connelly Springs 28612
Berea ..... Thomas Berry, Box 306, Connelly Springs 28612
Paul Robinson, Box 175, Connelly Springs 28612
Mt. Vernon ..... Ford Houser, Rt. 2, Vale 28168
D. C. Wesson, Rt. 2, Vale 28168
Olive Grove ..... Tonnie Hull, Rt. 1, Casar 28020
Smart's Grove ..... M. M. Smart, Rt. 3, Connelly Springs, 28612
John Abee, Rt. 3, Connelly Springs 28612
John Henry Smart, Rt. 1, Box 347, Connelly Springs 28612
St. Paul ..... R. A. Brackett, Rt. 3, Lawndale 28090
Zion Hill ..... T. A. Lineberger, Rt. 1, Connelly Springs 28612
Carrell Pruette, Rt. 2, Vale 28168
Zoar ..... J. C. Spake, Rt. 1, Casar 28020

LICENSED MINISTERS

St. John ..... Jinks Brittain, Rt. 1, Connelly Springs 28612
Richard Jimmy Brittain, Rt. 1, Connelly Springs 28612
Shoup's Grove ..... Clyde Houston, Icard 28666
St. Paul ..... Roy Hastings, Rt. 3, Lawndale 28090

SPECIAL NOTES

Rev. Mack Hodge resigned as pastor of Abee's Chapel and Buren Hastings was called as pastor.
Berea air-conditioned the sanctuary and pastorium; carpeted the pastorium and re-carpeted the sanctuary.
Drowning Creek ordained Norris Brittain as a minister and Lawrence McDarius and Grover Patton as deacons.
Midway Church ordained Joseph Beaver, Charles Sigmon and Everett Proctor as deacons and Lex Wright as a minister. The church building was redecorated inside and covered anew.
St. Paul constructed a Fellowship Hall.
Zion Hill completed their Fellowship Hall.

Statistical Tables

TABLE A CHURCH MEMBERSHIP AND OTHER INFORMATION 1974

Association: SOUTH MOUNTAIN

State: NORTH CAROLINA

Associational Clerk: MISS LUCILLE UPTON

Address: Rt. 2 Box 321 City: Vale State: North Carolina Zip: 28168

1—Open Country; 2—Village (under 500 pop.); 3—Town (500-2499); 4—Small City (2500-9,999); Medium City (10,000-49,999): 5—Downtown, 6—Neighborhood, 7—Suburban; Large City (50,000 or more): 8—Downtown, 9—Neighborhood, 0—Suburban

CHURCHES	PASTORS & ADDRESSES	County	Year organized as a church	Location	Services held twice on Sunday? Y	Services held twice on Sunday? N	Total Baptisms	Other additions (by letter, statement, etc.)	Members lost (by letter, death, statement, etc.)	Present resident members	Present nonresident members	Grand total present members	No. members received from non-Baptist Churches	No. members lost to non-Baptist Churches	Value of pastor's home if owned by the church	Value of church property including pastor's home	Total church debt at end of this associational year
Abee's Chapel	Buren Hastings, Box 157, Valdese 28690	Burke	1886	1	x		4	4	20	292	57	349	0	0	40000	110000	0
Berea	Gwyn Sullivan, Rt. 2, Box 1098, Connelly Springs 28612	Burke	1947	1	x		15	10	26	368	20	388	0	4	30000	146500	63479
Beulah	Darrell Pruett, Rt. 3, Vale 28168	Catawba	1905	1	x		0	0	0	89	68	157	0	0	0	50000	0
Carswell Memorial	G. C. Wray, Rt. 2, Box 338, Valdese 28690	Burke	1938	1	x		2	0	4	123	6	129	0	0	0	60000	0
Corinth	Cecil Buff, Box 576, Lawndale 28090	Cleveland	1884	1		x	6	2	5	267	34	301	0	1	0	100000	0
Drowning Creek	Roy Craig, Catawba Ave., Rhodhiss 28667	Catawba	1952	1		x	5	0	0	13	40	53	0	0	0	20000	0
Faith Olive	Hugh C. Bolick, Rt. 4, Box 254C, Hickory 28601	Catawba	1965	2	x		7	5	5	55	28	93	0	0	0	50000	1365
Grace & Truth	Ralph Teague, Rt. 3, Box 546, Connelly Sp. 28612	Burke	1955	1	x		0	2	5	14	26	40	0	0	0	5000	0
Hildebran View	Stanley T. Brittain, Rt. 1, Box 273, Conn. Sp. 28612	Burke		1			5	2	4	24	16	40	0	0	0	10000	0
Hoyle Memorial	Tonnie Hull, Rt. 1, Casar 28020	Clevaland	1967	1	x		2	4	2	34	10	44	3	0	0	12700	300
Midway	Elwood Caulder, Rt. 3, Box 425, Conover 28613	Burke	1956	1			8	6	58	130	7	137	0	5	0	47500	0
Mount Calvary	Cecil McKinney, Rt. 4, Box 740, Hickory 28601	Burke	1952	1	x		4	10	3	120	0	120	0	0	0	40000	0
Mount Gilead	Ottis Cook, Rt. 1, Casar 28020	Burke	1830	1		x	0	0	5	99	48	147	0	0	0	20500	0
Mount Hebron	Raymond Crook, Rt. 3, Box 702, Conn. Sp. 28612	Burke	1870	1		x	8	1	7	250	86	336	0	1	8000	43000	0
Mount Vernon	Paul Crotts, Rt. 3, Vale 28168	Lincoln	1840	1	x		6	1	4	251	75	326	0	2	20000	320000	0
Mount Zion	Z. W. Settlemyer, Box 296, Cherryville 28021	Cleveland	1848	1		x	2	0	7	50	136	186	0	0	0	12000	0
Mulls Chapel	Richard Adams, Rt. 1, Box 149A, Conn. Sp. 28612	Catawba	1871	1	x		0	0	0	100	25	125	0	0	16000	50000	2129
Oak Ridge	Edsel Mull, Rt. 2, Box 1040, Conn. Sp. 28612	Burke	1943	1	x		7	13	10	204	112	316	0	0	30000	130000	0
Olive Grove	Robert L. Beck, Rt. 1, Casar 28020	Cleveland	1884	1		x	3	1	5	194	74	268	0	0	25000	60000	0
Philadelphia	Harold Dellinger, Rt. 1, Box 305, Shelby 28150	Burke	1952	1		x	0	0	26	66	55	121	0	4	0	60000	0
Pisgah	Joe R. Edwards, Rt. 1, Casar 28020	Cleveland	1840	1		x	6	4	1	163	28	191	0	0	12000	25000	0
Pleasant Grove	John H. Smart, Rt. 1, Box 347, Conn. Sp. 28612	Burke	1876	1		x	8	2	2	133	13	146	0	0		52800	0
Saint Johns	Andy Mead, Rt. 1, Connelly Springs 28612	Burke	1842	1	x		6	6	1	181	15	196	0	0	25000	85000	0
Shoups Grove		Burke					9	3	9	288	39	327	0	0	25000	125000	33396
Smarts Grove	Finley McCoury, Rt. 3, Box 855, Conn. Sp. 28612	Burke	1935	1		x	0	3	4	134	37	171	0	0	40000	100000	3035
South Fork	Ray Woody, Rt. 4, Box 7851, Hickory 28601	Burke	1937	1	x		11	9	10	120	58	178	0	0	16000	74000	0
St. Paul	Ken Simpson, Rt. 1, Casar 28020	Cleveland	1860	1		x	2	5	14	270	174	444	1	0	34000	150000	16700
Tabernacle	John Glover, Rt. 1, Casar 28020	Cleveland	1970	1	x		0	0	1	36	0	36	0	0	0	9000	0
Walkers Chapel	Harold Kanupp, Rt. 3, Connelly Springs 28612	Burke	1915	1		x	6	3	4	100	0	100	0	0	0	14000	0
Wilkies Grove	Ralph Staton, Rt. 4, Box 470, Hickory 28601	Burke	1896	1	x		1	14	12	232	35	267	0	0	25000	200000	0
Zion Hill		Cleveland	1851	1		x	4	1	10	277	54	331	0	0	25000	100000	5000
Zoar	Jerry Blanton, Rt. 1, Casar 28020	Cleveland	1937	1		x	5	2	2	71	35	106	0	1	0	65000	0
	TOTALS						142	113	266	4748	1411	6169	1	19	371000	2347000	125404

TABLE B THE SUNDAY SCHOOL 1974

Association: SOUTH MOUNTAIN

State: NORTH CAROLINA

Associational Sunday School Director: FRED SAIN

Address: Rt. 1 City: Connelly Springs State: N. C. Zip: 28612

CHURCHES	SUNDAY SCHOOL DIRECTORS & ADDRESSES	54 Cradle Roll enrolment (under 2 years of age)	55 Preschool enrolment (2-5 years—not in school)	56 Children enrolment (6-11 years or grades 1-6)	57 Youth enrolment (12-17 years or grades 7-12)	58 Young Adult enrolment (18-29 years or H.S. graduation to 29 years)	59 Adult enrolment (30-59 years or 30 to retirement)	60 Senior Adult enrolment (60 and over or retirement and over)	61 Adults Away enrolment	62 Homebound Units enrolment	63 General officers enrolment	64 Enrolment of mission(s) of church	65 Total ongoing Sunday School enrolment	66 Average weekly Sunday School attendance	67 Number of Bible Study groups	68 Bible Study groups enrolment	69 Weekday Bible Study enrolment	70 Church V. B. S. enrolment	71 Mission V. B. S. enrolment	72 Total V. B. S. enrolment
Abee's Chapel	Delkie Mourglea, Jr., Rt.1, Box 358C, Conn. Sp. 28612	10	25	37	45	30	60	53	0	0	3	0	263	222	0	0	0	101	0	101
Berea	Charlie Townsend, Rt.3, Box 506 Conn. Sp. 28612	11	46	64	46	34	57	20	4	0	5	0	287	178	0	0	0	154	0	154
Beulah	Evan Rhoney, Rt.3, Vale 28168	5	10	4	5	20	15	16	0	0	13	0	88	69	0	0	0	64	0	64
Carswell Memorial	Henry Carswell, Rt.11, Box 477, Morganton 28655	5	8	9	17	24	35	12	0	0	2	0	112	75	1	25	0	64	0	64
Corinth	Jerry Earl, Rt.1, Casar 28020	5	17	17	47	40	39	58	0	0	2	0	225	143	0	0	0	89	0	89
Drowning Creek	Norris Brittain, Rt.3, Box 526, Conn. Sp. 28612	0	3	8	8	1	10	4	0	0	4	0	38	30	0	0	0	44	0	44
Faith Olive	Grady C. Allen, Rt.8, Box 490, Hickory 28601	2	9	25	13	19	26	3	28	0	0	0	125	68	3	48	3	74	3	74
Grace & Truth	Willie Van Horn, Jr., Box 466, Hildebran 28637	0	0	0	1	4	5	1	0	0	2	0	13	12	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hildebran View	Steve Penland, Rt.4, Hickory 28601	0	5	5	7	8	10	10	0	0	0	0	45	35	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hoyle Memorial	Robert Hoyle, Rt.3, Lawndale 28090	2	4	11	8	8	8	3	0	0	0	0	44	44	0	0	0	49	0	49
Midway	Wayne Harris, Rt.7, Box 5, Hickory 28601	0	8	15	10	26	12	5	0	0	3	0	79	58	0	0	0	74	0	74
Mount Calvary	Arthur Franklin, Rt.3, Box 774, Conn. Sp. 28612	3	6	11	28	4	20	4	0	0	12	0	88	65	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mount Gilead	Walter Smith, Rt.1, Connelly Springs 28612	1	13	15	14	16	14	14	0	2	7	0	96	65	0	0	0	40	0	40
Mount Hebron	Maynard Taylor, Rt.3, Box 639, Conn. Sp. 28612	14	30	54	31	38	52	25	0	0	4	0	248	145	0	0	0	109	0	109
Mount Vernon	Vester Shull, Rt. 3, Vale 28168	7	9	8	32	15	75	28	4	5	6	0	189	123	1	18	0	73	0	73
Mount Zion	Richard Anderson, Rt.1, Casar 28020	1	3	11	12	10	9	0	0	1	0	0	47	30	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mulls Chapel	Earnest Rhoney, Rt.1, Connelly Springs 28612	5	6	10	20	23	22	9	0	0	0	0	95	68	0	0	0	76	0	76
Oak Ridge	Robert Childers, Rt.2, Box 340, Conn. Sp. 28612	12	25	72	57	39	44	17	0	0	4	0	270	174	0	0	0	178	0	178
Olive Grove	Mr. Hazel Walker, Rt.1, Casar 28020	0	16	33	25	13	72	0	0	0	3	0	162	110	0	0	0	68	0	68
Philadelphia	Alvin Brittain, 1011 30th St., SW Hickory 28601	5	12	12	5	13	16	2	0	0	5	0	70	66	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pisgah	J. C. Cook, Rt.1, Casar 28020	9	14	17	22	14	24	17	0	0	3	0	120	82	0	0	0	53	0	53
Pleasant Grove	Carl W. Powell, Rt.4, Box 312A, Morganton 28655	5	10	25	20	20	38	12	0	0	0	0	130	100	1	25	0	47	0	47
Saint Johns	Donald Hoyle, Rt.8, Box 444, Hickory 28601	10	24	22	8	25	51	7	0	0	0	0	147	104	0	0	0	88	0	88
Shoups Grove	Gearld Gragg, Box 233, Hildebran 28637	10	34	69	39	60	55	0	0	0	9	0	276	164	0	0	0	190	0	190
Smarts Grove	Billy Mace, Rt.4, Morganton 28655	4	11	16	16	31	33	14	0	0	0	0	125	82	0	0	0	84	0	84
South Fork	Neil Abernathy, Rt.4, Box 790, Hickory 28601	13	9	34	25	21	15	3	0	0	5	0	125	95	0	0	0	130	0	130
St. Paul	Max Cook Rt.1, Casar 28020	1	7	8	10	8	0	2	0	0	0	0	36	32	0	0	0	0	3	0
Tabernacle	Paul Navy, Rt.5, Box 252, Shelby 28150	7	17	29	20	35	44	28	0	0	6	0	186	133	2	40	0	111	0	111
Walkers Chapel	Shub Carswell, Rt.4, Morganton 28655	5	10	19	17	24	20	10	0	0	0	0	105	64	0	0	0	35	0	35
Wilkies Grove	Donald Brittain, Rt.4, Hickory 28601	10	26	41	36	44	61	26	0	0	5	0	249	161	0	0	0	97	0	97
Zion Hill	Warren Yancey, Rt.3, Lawndale 28090	8	27	30	30	75	62	30	0	0	3	0	265	173	0	0	0	98	0	98
Zoar	Phillip A. Lail, Rt.3, Lawndale 28090	2	5	4	4	19	12	16	0	0	0	0	62	50	0	0	0	45	0	45
	TOTALS	172	449	735	678	761	1016	449	36	8	106	0	4410	3020	8	156	3	2235	0	2235

TABLE C TRAINING UNION 1974

Association: SOUTH MOUNTAIN
State: NORTH CAROLINA
Associational Training Union Director: REV. G. C. WRAY
Address: Rt. 2 Box 338 City: Valdese; State: N. C. Zip: 28690

CHURCHES	TRAINING UNION DIRECTORS & ADDRESSES	73 Preschool enrolment (5 years and under—not in school)	74 Children enrolment (6-11 years or grades 1-6)	75 Youth enrolment (12-17 years or grades 7-12)	76 Young Adult enrolment (18-29 years or H.S. graduation to 29 years)	77 Adult enrolment (30-59 years or 30 to retirement)	78 Senior Adult enrolment (60 and over or retirement and over)	79 General officers enrolment	80 Enrolment of mission(s) of church	81 Total Training Union ongoing enrolment	82 Average weekly Church Training attendance	83 New Member Orientation: Registration	84 New Member Orientation: Completed	85 Church Leader Training: Registration	86 Church Leader Training: Completed	87 Member Training Projects: Registration	88 Member Training Projects: Completed
Berea	Robert Berry, Rt. 2, Box 955-V4, Conn. Sp. 28612	38	36	42	32	45	0	4	0	197	106	33	19	0	0	0	0
Beulah	Mrs. Kenneth Rhoney, Rt. 3, Vale 28168	3	4	3	10	4	2	4	0	30	20	0	0	0	0	0	0
Carswell Memorial	Fred Butler, Rt. 11, Box 477, Morganton 28655	4	6	11	8	12	3	1	0	45	32	0	0	0	0	0	0
Faith Olive		3	18	12	4	11	0	0	0	48	28	0	0	0	0	0	0
Midway	Mrs. Phyllis Weaver, Rt. 2, Box 637, Conn. Sp. 28612	5	4	10	1	15	0	2	0	37	25	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mount Hebron	Philip Taylor, Rt. 3, Box 622, Conn. Sp. 28612	9	12	7	2	19	9	2	0	60	47	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mount Vernon	Doris Upton, Rt. 2, Box 321, Vale 28168	0	8	14	7	22	4	2	0	57	23	0	0	0	0	0	0
Oak Ridge	Clyde Foster, Rt. 7, Hickory 28601	13	12	29	20	13	7	2	0	96	55	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pisgah	Joe Edwards, Rt. 1, Casar 28020	4	0	6	0	20	0	2	0	32	25	0	0	0	0	0	0
Shoups Grove	Billy Gragg, Rt. 1, Box 478, Conn. Sp. 28612	6	31	27	0	53	0	3	0	120	68	0	0	0	0	0	0
St. Paul	Bentha Cook, Rt. 1, Casar 28020	9	14	21	0	23	0	2	0	69	34	0	0	0	0	0	0
Wilkies Grove	Mrs. Janie Young, Rt. 4, Hickory 28601	12	9	8	23	11	0	3	0	66	27	0	0	0	0	0	0
Zion Hill	Horace Sain, Rt. 3, Vale 28168	7	8	12	18	16	0	2	0	63	41	0	0	0	0	0	0
	TOTALS	113	162	202	125	264	25	29	0	920	531	33	19	0	0	0	0

TABLE D CHURCH MUSIC	1974	89	90	91	92	93	94	95	96	97	98	99	100
Association: SOUTH MOUNTAIN State: NORTH CAROLINA Associational Music Director: KENNETH SAIN Address: Route 2 — City: Vale — State: N. C. — Zip: 28168		Preschool enrolment (5 years and under – not in school)	Children enrolment (6-11 years or grades 1-6)	Youth enrolment (12-17 years or grades 7-12)	Adult enrolment (18 and over)	Handbell ringers enrolment	Vocal ensemble enrolment	Instrumental ensembles enrolment	General music leaders enrolment	Enrolment of mission(s) of church	Total ongoing church music enrolment	Average weekly church music attendance	Church music study group enrolment
CHURCHES	MUSIC DIRECTORS & ADDRESSES												
Abee's Chapel	Ronder Crawford, Rt.1, Box 42, Valdese 28690	10	15	15	30	0	0	0	8	0	78	60	0
Berea		0	10	12	20	0	5	2	3	0	52	20	0
Beulah	Mrs. Howard Mull, Rt.3, Vale 28168	0	0	8	10	0	0	0	2	0	20	15	0
Carswell, Memorial	Becky Smith, Rt.4, Morganton 28655	0	3	10	10	0	0	0	2	0	25	22	0
Corinth	Joe R. White, Rt.1, Casar 28020	0	0	2	16	0	0	0	0	0	18	0	0
Drowning Creek	Mrs. Norris Brittain, Rt.3, Box 526 Conn. Sp. 28612	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Faith Olive	Paul D. Allen, Rt.8, Box 490, Hickory 28601	5	4	7	12	0	0	0	1	0	29	29	0
Grace & Truth	Patsy Van Horn, Box 466, Hildebran 28637	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hildebran View	Nancy Lowman, Rt.1, Box 273A, Conn. Sp. 28612	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hoyle Memorial	Mrs. Helen Hoyle, Rt.1, Casar 28020	2	2	1	5	0	0	0	2	0	12	12	12
Midway	Mrs. Dorothy Beaver, Rt.7, Box 5, Hickory 28601	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mount Calvary	Mrs. Bobbie McKinney, Rt.4, Box 740, Hickory 28601	6	11	20	4	0	0	0	2	0	43	43	0
Mount Gilead	Ruthie Parker, Rt.1, Connelly Springs 28612	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mount Hebron	Harry Mull, Rt.4, Box 829, Hickory 28601	0	0	0	20	0	0	0	1	0	21	21	0
Mount Vernon	Omar Hoyle, Rt.2, Vale 28168	0	8	15	28	0	7	0	3	0	61	28	0
Mount Zion	Ruth Angel, Rt.1, Casar 28020	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mulls Chapel	Mrs. Della Hudson, Rt.3, Vale 28168	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Oak Ridge	Terry Childers, Box 205, Rhodhiss 28667	0	0	12	15	0	0	0	1	0	28	15	0
Olive Grove	Mrs. Fred Spurling, Rt.7, Box 2460, Shelby 28150	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Philadelphia	Alvin Brittain, 1011 30th St. S.W., Hickory 28601	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pisgah	Mrs. Robert Beam, Rt.1, Casar 28020	0	0	25	12	0	0	0	0	0	37	28	0
Pleasant Grove	Hubert H. Lindsay, Rt.4, Box 318, Morganton 28655	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Saint Johns	Mrs. Betty Huffman, Rt.1, Conn. Sp. 28612	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sheups Grove	Callie Townsend, Gen. Del., Hildebran 28637	0	6	20	15	0	0	3	0	44	88	40	0
Smarts Grove	Mrs. Alberta Crawley, Rt.3, Box 855A, Conn. Sp. 28612	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
South Fork	Mrs. Jean Ball, Box 292, Rhodhiss 28667	0	0	0	25	0	0	1	2	0	28	20	0
St. Paul	Claude Cook, Rt.1, Casar 28020	0	8	4	0	0	0	0	2	0	14	6	0
Tabernacle	Mrs. Mae Tessneer, Rt.1, Box 278, Vale 28168	3	7	14	33	0	0	0	4	0	61	40	0
Walkers Chapel	J. C. Bradley, Rt.4, Morganton 28655	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Wilkies Grove	Allen Good, Side Estates, Hildebran 28637	0	0	14	25	0	0	0	2	0	41	25	0
Zion Hill	Kenneth Sain, Rt.2, Vale 28168	0	10	12	10	0	0	0	3	0	35	25	0
Zoar	James Willis, Rt.1, Casar 28020	4	3	3	18	0	0	0	1	0	29	25	0
	TOTALS	30	87	194	308	0	12	6	39	44	720	474	12

TABLE E WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION 1974		101	102	103	104	105	106	107	108	109	110	111	112	113	114	115
Association SOUTH MOUNTAIN		Number of Organizations							Enrolment							
State NORTH CAROLINA																
Associational WMU Director MRS. JESSE FORTENBERRY		Mission Friends (5 years and under—not in school)	Girls in Action (6-11 years or grades 1-6)	Acteens (12-17 years or grades 7-12)	Baptist Young Women (18-29 years or H.S. graduation to 29 years)	Baptist Women (30 and over)	Mission(s) of church	Total number of organizations	Mission Friends (5 years and under—not in school)	Girls in Action (6-11 years or grades 1-6)	Acteens (12-17 years or grades 7-12)	Baptist Young Women (18-29 years or H.S. graduation to 29 years)	Baptist Women (30 and over)	WMU officers	Mission(s) of church	Total WMU ongoing enrolment
Address Rt. 4 Box 751 City Hickory State N. C. Zip 28601																
CHURCHES	WMU DIRECTORS & ADDRESSES															
Abee's Chapel	Mildred Crawford, Rt. 1, Box 42, Valdese 28690	1	1	1	1	1	0	5	6	13	10	8	13	3	0	53
Berea		1	1	1	0	2	0	5	8	11	5	0	22	1	0	47
Beulah	Mrs. Danny Young, Rt. 3, Vale 28168	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	0	0	0	6	5	4	0	15
Carswell Memorial	Isabell Butler, Rt. 11, Box 477, Morganton 28655	1	1	1	0	1	0	4	4	6	9	0	12	4	0	35
Corinth	Mrs. Mildred McNeilly, Rt. 1, Casar 28020	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	7	2	0	9
Faith Olive	Mrs. Dora Parker, Rt. 8, Hickory 28601	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	13	2	0	15
Midway	Mrs. Connie Wright, Rt. 2, Box 595D, Conn. Sp. 28612	0	1	0	0	1	0	2	0	15	0	0	16	5	0	36
Mount Gilead	Mrs. Mary Lou Mull, Rt. 1, Conn. Sp. 28612	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	6	3	0	9
Mount Hebron	Mrs. Shirley Taylor, Rt. 3, Box 639, Conn. Sp. 28612	1	1	0	1	1	0	4	12	9	0	9	8	7	0	45
Mount Vernon	Mrs. Joyce Goodman, Rt. 2, Vale 28168	1	1	1	0	1	0	4	3	7	8	0	22	4	0	44
Oak Ridge	Mrs. Sue Evans, Rt. 2, Conn. Sp. 28612	1	1	1	1	1	0	5	4	12	10	10	6	4	0	46
Pisgah	Mrs. Lyndon Pruett, Rt. 1, Casar 28020	1	0	1	0	1	0	3	8	0	14	0	10	0	0	32
Saint Johns	Mrs. Barbara Huffman, Rt. 1, Conn. Sp. 28612	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	18	0	0	18
Shoups Grove	Betty Johnson, Rt. 4, Box 489C, Hickory 28601	1	1	1	0	1	0	4	6	13	24	0	20	8	0	71
Walkers Chapel		0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	7	0	0	0	0	7
Wilkies Grove	Mrs. Diane Starnes, Rt. 4, Hickory 28601	1	1	1	1	1	0	5	10	7	6	8	10	7	0	48
Zion Hill	Mrs. Coleen Sain, Rt. 3, Vale 28168	0	1	1	0	0	0	2	0	8	10	0	0	0	0	18
	TOTALS	9	10	10	5	16	0	50	61	101	103	41	188	54	0	548

TABLE F BROTHERHOOD 1974

Association: SOUTH MOUNTAIN

State: NORTH CAROLINA

Associational Brotherhood Director: CARL GREEN

Address: Rt. 3 Box 142 City: Connelly Springs State: N. C. Zip: 28612

CHURCHES	BROTHERHOOD DIRECTORS & ADDRESSES	116 Crusaders (6-11 years or grades 1-6)	117 Pioneers (12-17 years or grades 7-12)	118 RA leader and committee	119 Baptist Young Men enrolment (18-29 years or H.S. graduation to 29 years)	120 Baptist Men enrolment (30-59 years or 30 to retirement)	121 Baptist Senior Men (60 and over or retirement and over)	122 Other Baptist men groups	123 Brotherhood director and other Brotherhood General Officers	124 Enrolment of mission(s) of church	125 Total ongoing Brotherhood enrolment
Abee's Chapel	Nickie Reed, Rt. 1, Connelly Springs 28612	10	9	4	0	24	0	0	0	0	47
Berea	Carl Greene, Rt. 3, Box 142, Conn. Sp. 28612	16	17	3	0	20	0	0	1	0	57
Carswell Memorial	Newland Carswell, Rt. 11, Box 469, Morganton 28655	3	3	2	0	12	0	0	0	0	20
Midway	Charles Sigmon 691 7th Ave. S.E., Hickory 28601	0	21	2	0	0	0	6	0	0	29
Mount Hebron	Dennis Wright, Box 351, Icard	8	2	1	0	10	0	0	1	0	22
Mount Vernon	Alton Heavner, Rt. 3, Vale 28168	5	11	2	0	9	0	0	2	0	29
Oak Ridge	Clyde Foster, Rt. 7, Hickory 28601	35	8	8	0	7	0	0	1	0	59
Pisgah		6	19	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	27
Shoups Grove	Gearld Gragg, Box 89, Icard	9	9	2	0	7	0	0	0	0	27
St. Paul	Joe Goforth, Rt. 1, Casar 28020	17	4	2	0	0	0	32	3	15	73
Walkers Chapel		7	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	8
Wilkies Grove		14	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	18
Zion Hill	Clarence Sailors, Rt. 3, Lawndale 28090	6	6	2	0	12	0	0	2	0	28
	TOTALS	136	110	34	0	101	0	38	10	15	444

TABLE G TOTAL RECEIPTS, LOCAL EXPENDITURES & STEWARDSHIP 1974

Association: SOUTH MOUNTAIN
State: NORTH CAROLINA
Associational Treasurer: MISS DORIS UPTON
Address: Rt. 2 Box 321 City: Vale State: N. C. Zip: 28168

CHURCHES	TREASURERS & ADDRESSES	21 Number of tithers	22 Budget prom. or emphasis used during the year. None	Forward Program	Other	23 Cooperative Program goal as percent of total budget	24 Associational missions goal as percent of total budget	126 Total tithes, all offerings, and special gifts	127 All other receipts	128 Total receipts	129 Money borrowed during the year	130 Church staff salaries	131 Money paid out on new construction during the year	132 Debt retirement during the year	133 Church literature	134 All other local expenditures	135 Total local expenditures
Abee's Chapel	Ulen Lowman, Box 27, Valdese 28690	85	x			$100		50333		50333		7630			579	25091	33300
Berea	Russell Huffman, Rt. 1, Box 259, Valdese 28690	60			x	14	1	56650		56650		8484	4282	9397	2547	11561	36271
Beulah	E. A. Rudisill, 209 1st Ave. S.E., Hickory 28601	15		x		2	4	7631		7631		3360			326	998	4684
Carswell Memorial	Versie Carswell, Rt. 4, Box 304,Morganton 28655	15		x				16048		16048		6480	1284		580	3300	11644
Corinth	Mrs. Debbie Newton, Rt. 1, Casar 28020	22	x					32271		32271		7210			575	18303	26088
Drowning Creek	Mrs. Ruby Mauney, Rt. 7, Hickory 28601	2	x					3154		3154		1500			149	1570	3219
Faith Olive	Mrs. Gladys L. Allen, Rt. 8, Box 490, Hickory 28601	28	x					7420		7420		3319	287	930	100	1779	6415
Grace & Truth	Willie VanHorn Sr., Box 466, Hildebran 28637	11	x					4627		4627		1710				582	2292
Hildebran View	Mrs. Sam Knox, Rt. 4, Box 584, Hickory 28601		x					2383	2543	4926		970	3483		6	322	4781
Hoyle Memorial	Mrs. Helen Whisnant, Rt. 1, Box 351, Casar 28020	2	x					2500		2500		500	707		70	1004	2281
Midway	Joseph Beaver, Rt. 7, Box 5, Hickory 28601	31	x					9460	390	9850		4830	2360		438	293	7921
Mount Calvary	Mrs. Nellie Franklin, Rt. 3, Box 774, Conn. Sp. 28612	25	x					9500		9500		5500			640		6140
Mount Gilead	Mrs. Carrie Buff, Rt. 1, Conn. Sp. 28612	5	x					4348	496	4844		2053			126	539	2718
Mount Hebron	Mrs. Alfred Lowman, Rt. 3, Box 692, Conn. Sp. 28612	65	x			12	10W	45906	4775	50681		7766			1126	15667	24559
Mount Vernon	Paul Leatherman, Rt. 2, Vale 28168	31	x			15	5	28158		28158		10190			788	7164	18142
Mount Zion	Kevin Parker, Rt. 1, Casar 28020	4	x	x	x	6	2	3233	3555	6788		2175			99	345	2619
Mulls Chapel	Kathryn Young, Rt. 1, Box 270, Conn. Sp. 28612	3	x					11407	30	11437		5510		1258	199	4195	11162
Oak Ridge	Edsel Johnson, Gen. Del., Hildebran 28637	58	x			8	2	41657		41657		6730		3048	2243	19297	31318
Olive Grove	Mrs. Dana Walker, Rt. 1, Casar 28020	17	x					17769		17769		6625			290	10620	17535
Philadelphia	Helen Lowman, Rt. 1, Box 288, Conn. Sp. 28612	14	x					12359	146	12505		7212		1089	329	2851	11481
Pisgah	Mrs. Troy Warlick, Rt. 1, Casar 28020	20	x			10	6	17815		17815		7606			585	5651	13842
Pleasant Grove	Hubert H. Lindsay, Rt. 4, Box 318, Morganton 28655	10	x					10660		10660		1520	709		170	5351	7750
Saint Johns	Gerald Huffman, Rt. 1, Box 276B, Conn. Sp. 28612	22	x					18581		18581		9610			528	6923	17061
Shoups Grove	Maggie Huffman, Box 321, Hildebran 28637	52	x			5	2	40437		40437		8849		11140	1186	16497	37672
Smarts Grove	Mrs. Mabel Lowman, Rt. 3, Box 890, Conn. Sp. 28612	26			x			20453		20453		5740		9237	306	4716	19999
South Fork	Mrs. Barbara Hollar, Rt. 2, Box 831B, Conn. Sp. 28612	52	x			7%	5%	17758	207	17965		8260			387	6624	15271
St. Paul	Alvin Cook, Rt. 2, Lawndale 28090	20	x					22824		22824	10000	8317	14637	1649	1152	2818	28573
Tabernacle	Mrs. John Glover, Rt. 1, Casar 28020	4	x					1500		1500		597			57	86	740
Walkers Chapel	Gene Huffman, Rt. 4, Morganton 28655	13	x					9967		9967		4458			158	1485	6101
Wilkies Grove	Mrs. Dolly Bradshaw, Rt. 4, Hickory 28601	45	x					39593		39593		10745		5720	1952	4353	22770
Zion Hill	Linda B. Cook, Rt. 3, Lawndale 28090	40	x			10		35839		35839		9180	17865	7625	925	8000	43595
Zoar	John P. Dellinger, Rt. 3, Box 59, Lawndale 28090	23	x					15836		15836		4935	2307		222	1965	9429
	TOTALS	1540						618077	12142	630219	10000	179571	47921	51093	18838	189950	487373

TABLE H MISSION EXPENDITURES 1974

Association: SOUTH MOUNTAIN
State: NORTH CAROLINA
Associational Superintendent of Missions (Associational Missionary): REV. THOMAS BERRY
Address: Box 306 City: Connelly Springs State: N. C. Zip: 28612

CHURCHES	CHURCH CLERKS & ADDRESSES	136 Money paid out on new construction during the year	137 Church Sponsored Missions: All other church sponsored mission expenditures	138 Church Sponsored Missions: Total church sponsored mission expenditures	139 OTHER MISSION CAUSE EXPENDITURES: Cooperative Program	140 Associational missions program	141 Designated: State missions	142 Designated: SBC Home Missions (incl. Annie Armstrong Easter offering)	143 Designated: SBC For. Mis. (incl. Lottie Moon Christmas offering)	144 Designated: Christian education (schools, etc.)	145 Designated: Children's homes (cash plus goods)	146 Designated: Hospitals	147 Designated: Homes for the aged	148 Designated: All other (Bible Society, Temp League, etc.)	149 Total other mission cause expenditures	150 Grand Total Mission expenditures
Abee's Chapel	Ivey E. Lowman, Rt. 1, Box 60K, Valdese 28690				100	120	50	527	1600	100	150	100			2647	2747
Berea	Mrs. Coolidge Wycoff, Rt. 2, Box 1106, Conn. Sp. 28612				7078	1153	200	400	1500	0	158	41	22	783	4257	11335
Beulah	Mrs. James Houser, Rt. 1, Conn. Sp. 28612				405	120		120							240	645
Carswell Memorial	Sarah Carswell, Rt. 11, Box 469, Morganton 28655				154	275	47	274	691		143	80	32	500	2042	2196
Corinth	Mrs. Patricia Bowen, Rt. 1, Box 13A 1, Casar 28020				540	350	178	252	532	125	302	312		493	2544	3084
Drowning Creek	Mrs. Ruth Decker, Box 116, Rhodhiss 28667				14	60					23				83	97
Faith Olive	Mrs. Gladys L. Allen, Rt. 8, Box 490, Hickory 28601				35			45			9		12	243	309	344
Grace & Truth	Brenda VanHorn, Box 466, Hildebran 28637										25	25		10	60	60
Hildebran View	Mrs. Henry L. Lowman, Rt. 1, Box 273, Conn. Sp. 28612										75				75	75
Hoyle Memorial	Mrs. Eva Hoyle, Rt. 3, Lawndale 28090										12		5		17	17
Midway	Mrs. Connie Wright, Rt. 2, Box 595D, Conn. Sp. 28612								40					50	90	90
Mount Calvary	Mrs. Gail Franklin, Rt. 3, Box 774, Conn. Sp. 28612										25	25	25		75	75
Mount Gilead	Mrs. Iva Rhoney, Rt. 1, Box 2221R, Connelly Sp. 28612										34	44			78	78
Mount Hebron	Mrs. Shirley Taylor, Rt. 3, Box 639, Conn. Sp. 28612				3043	562	106	656	1111		106	0	106	687	3334	6377
Mount Vernon	Lucille Upton, Rt. 2, Box 321, Vale 28168				2804	1118	88	327	1603	50	173	109	114		3582	6386
Mount Zion	Sonya Parker, Rt. 1, Casar 28020				200	65	25				15	15	15		135	335
Mulls Chapel	Clyde McClurd, 813 Rostan St., Valdese 28690				50	50			100		90	50	52	108	450	500
Oak Ridge	Mrs. Rachel Britain, Rt. 2, Box 413, Conn. Sp.				3365	805	125	465	1400		240	150	175	1665	5025	8390
Olive Grove	Mrs. Howard Walker, Rt. 1, Box 212, Casar 28020					50					101	25		167	343	343
Philadelphia	Sadie Brittain, Rt. 1, Box 128B, Conn. Sp. 28612					271			127			30	14	0	442	442
Pisgah	Mrs. Austin Pruett, Box 13, Casar 28020				1753	100	45	72	256					1178	1651	3404
Pleasant Grove	Ruth H. Walker, Rt. 1, Box 241, Connelly Sp. 28612				30							72		148	220	250
Saint Johns	Lillie Huffman, Rt. 1, Box 129K, Conn. Sp. 28612					200			449			364			1013	1013
Shoups Grove	Patsy Dameron, Rt. 4, Box 813A, Hickory 26612				825	195		150	933		63	46	46	507	1940	2765
Smarts Grove	Mrs. Alberta Crawley, Rt. 3, Box 855A, Conn. Sp. 28612								912		70	100			1082	1082
South Fork	Mrs. Marie Eckard, Rt. 4, Box 792B, Hickory 28601				715	536			46		536				1118	1833
St. Paul	Worth Willis, Rt. 1, Casar 28020	100		100	307	100		100	386		220			1393	2199	2506
Tabernacle	Mrs. Mae Tessneer, Rt. 1, Box 278, Vale 28168		100	100									15		15	15
Walkers Chapel	Ruth Keller, Rt. 1, Box 223C, Conn. Sp. 28612									50	52	94	40	628	864	864
Wilkies Grove	Mrs. Ruth Proctor, Rt. 4, Box 464, Hickory 28601				4157	1980	122	162	815	50	124	100	67		3420	7577
Zion Hill	Mrs. Georgia Cook, Rt. 2, Vale 28168				1831	641	1	176	259		2	29	22	43	1173	3004
Zoar	Bobby McDaniel, Rt. 1, Casar 28020					15		750	295		45			200	1305	1305
	TOTALS	100	100	200	27406	8766	987	4476	13055	375	2793	1811	762	8803	41828	69234

TABLE I SPECIAL INFORMATION 1974

Association: SOUTH MOUNTAIN

State: NORTH CAROLINA

Moderator: REV. HAROLD DELLINGER

Address: Rt. 1 Box 305 | City: Shelby | State: N. C. | Zip: 28150

CHURCHES	CHAIRMEN OF DEACONS & ADDRESSES	28 No. church-type missions started during the year	29 No. church-type missions currently operating	30 No. other-type missions started during the year	31 No. other-type missions currently operating	32 Number of active deacons	33 Number of church vocations volunteers	34 Doctrinal Emphasis Week enrolment	35 Number of college students baptized	36 Kindergarten enrolment	37 Day care enrolment	38 Does church plan or contemplate a major building program within the year?	Does church have or observe? 39 Library	40 Recreation staff	41 Children's worship service	42 Youth Week	43 Summer Youth Program	44 History Committee	45 Broadcast on Radio or Television	46 Christian Home Week	47 Annuity Board Retirement Program	48 Annuity Board Insurance Program	49 Race Relations Sunday	50 Royal Ambassador Week	51 Filmstrip projector	52 Deacon training	53 State paper in budget
Abee's Chapel	Delkie Mourglea, Jr., Rt. 1, Conn. Spr. 28690	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0																
Berea	Brady Burns, Rt. 3, Box 516, Connelly Spr. 28612	0	0	0	0	6	0	0	0	0	0			x		x	x	x		x	x				x		x
Beulah	Bud Willis, Rt. 1, Connelly Springs 28612	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0					x				x							
Carswell Memorial	James B. Smith, Rt. 4, Morganton 28655	0	0	0	0	7	0	0	0	0	0		x	x						x				x		x	
Corinth	J. L. Newton, Rt. 1, Casar 28020	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0																
Drowning Creek	Lawrence McDaris, Rt. 3, Box 228, Granite Falls	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0			x	x											x	
Faith Olive	Grady G. Allen, Rt. 8, Box 490, Hickory 28601	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	x															
Grace & Truth	John H. Willis, Rt.4, Box 506, Hickory 28601	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0																
Hildebran View	Haywood Hoyle, Rt. 1, Connelly Springs 28612	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0					x											
Hoyle Memorial	Vasco Price, Rt. 3, Box 275, Lawndale 28090	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0																
Midway	Lex Wright, Rt. 8, Box 646, Hickory 28601	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0																
Mount Calvary	Paul Carswell, Rt. 1, Connelly Springs 28612	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0																
Mount Gilead	Ronald Rhoney, Rt. 1, Box 221-R, Connelly Sp. 28612	0	0	0	0	6	0	0	0	0	0																
Mount Hebron	Auby Burns, Rt. 3, Connelly Springs 28612	0	0	0	0	8	1	0	0	0	0		x	x						x	x				x		
Mount Vernon	Blair Wesson, Rt. 2, Vale 28168	0	0	0	0	8	0	0	0	0	0			x							x						
Mount Zion	Buland Short, Rt. 1, Casar 28020	0	0	0	0	6	0	0	0	0	0																
Mulls Chapel	Edd Keller, 150 41st St., Hickory 28601	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0																
Oak Ridge	L. D. Cole, Rt. 2, Connelly Springs 28612	0	0	0	0	8	0	0	0	0	0			x		x	x			x	x	x		x	x		
Olive Grove	Mr. Hazel Walker, Rt. 1, Casar 28020	0	0	0	0	7	0	0	0	0	0					x											
Philadelphia	Alvin Brittain, 1011 30th St. SW, Hickory 28601	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0																
Pisgah	Don Elliott, Rt. 1, Casar 28020	0	0	0	0	9	0	0	0	0	0	x	x	x													x
Pleasant Grove	Joe M. Walker, Rt. 1, Box 241, Connelly Sp. 28612	0	0	0	0	8	0	0	0	0	0								x								
Saint Johns	Larry Huffman, Rt. 1, Box 276A, Conn. Spr. 28612	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0																
Shoups Grove	Wayne Collins, Rt. 2, Box 805A, Connelly Sp. 28612	0	0	0	0	7	0	0	0	0	0		x			x					x				x	
Smarts Grove	R. E. Moses, Rt. 3, Connelly Springs 28612	0	0	0	0	7	0	0	0	0	0																
South Fork	John Munday, 407 26th St. SW, Hickory 28601	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0																
St. Paul	Earl Morrison, Rt. 3, Lawndale 28090	0	0	0	0	10	0	0	0	0	0		x		x	x						x		x			
Tabernacle	Paul Navy, Rt. 5, Box 252, Shelby 28150	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0																
Walkers Chapel	Alex Huffman, Rt. 1, Connelly Springs 28612	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0																
Wilkies Grove	Andy Proctor, Rt. 4, Box 464, Hickory 28601	0	0	0	0	7	2	0	0	0	0		x	x		x				x	x				x		
Zion Hill	Warren Yancey, Rt. 3, Lawndale 28090	0	0	0	0	9	0	0	0	0	0	x		x							x	x		x			x
Zoar	Lester Lail, Rt. 3, Lawndale 28090	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0																
	TOTALS	0	0	0	0	161	3	0	0	0	0	3	7	9	2	8	2	1	2	6	8	4	0	4	5	2	3

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SOUTH MOUNTAIN
BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
North Carolina

'st Day..... Mt. Hebron
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October 16-17, 1975

1976 Session Will Be Held On Thursday

and Friday after the Second Sunday in October

October 14-15

ST DAY..... Mt. Vernon
COND DAY..... Berea

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Vice Moderator..... Rev. Gwyn Sullivan, Rt. 2, Box 1089, Connelly Springs, 879-8713
Clerk..... Miss Lucille Upton, Rt. 2, Box 308, Vale, 735-7814
Treasurer..... Miss Doris Upton, Rt. 2, Box 308, Vale, 735-7814
Sunday School Director..... Fred Sain, Rt. 1, Connelly Springs, 437-9006
Church Training Director..... Robert Berry, Rt. 2, Box 955-V4, Connelly Sp., 397-3644
Brotherhood Director..... Rev. Joe Edwards, Rt. 1, Casar, 538-9638
WMU Director..... Mrs. Jesse Fortenberry, Box 751, Hickory, 397-3878
Music Director..... Kenneth Sain, Rt. 2, Vale, 735-8972
Pianist..... David Willis, Rt. 3, Vale
R. A. Leader..... Jimmy Cox 397-6226 Ricky Sain, Rt. 4, Vale, 464-6338
Evangelism Chairman..... Rev. Thomas Berry, Rt. 3, Lawndale, 538-8551
Historian..... Mrs. Aileen Berry, Rt. 3, Lawndale, 538-8551
Supt. of Missions..... Rev. Harold Dellinger, Rt. 1, Box 305, Shelby, 435-5630

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OFFICERS

Shoups Grove..... Rev. Harold Ashe
Berea..... Rev. Gwyn Sullivan
Mt. Vernon..... Miss Lucille Upton
Mt. Vernon..... Miss Doris Upton
Wilkies Grove..... Fred Sain
Berea..... Robert Berry
Pisgah..... Rev. Joe Edwards
Wilkies Grove..... Mrs. Jesse Fortenberry
Zion Hill..... Kenneth Sain
Zion Hill..... Davis Willis
Zion Hill..... Ricky Sain
Zion Hill..... Rev. Thomas Berry
Zion Hill..... Mrs. Aileen Berry
Philadelphia..... Rev. Harold Dellinger

PASTORS

CHURCH	NAME AND ADDRESS
Abees Chapel	Buren Hastings, Box 157, Valdese, 28690
Berea	Gwyn P. Sullivan, Rt. 2, Box 1098, Conn. Sp., 28612
Beulah	Darrell Pruette, Rt. 4, Vale, 28168
Carswell Memorial	G. C. Wray, Rt. 2, Box 594, Valdese, 28690
Corinth	Cecil Buff, Box 576, Lawndale, 28090
Drowning Creek	Norris Brittain, Rt. 3, Box 526, Conn. Sp., 28612
Faith Olive	Barry Lafone, Rt. 2, Box 109, Hickory, 28601
Grace and Truth	Lewis Travis, Box 237, Catawba, 28609
Hildebran View	Stanley T. Brittain, Rt. 1, Box 237, Conn. Sp., 28612
Hoyle Memorial	Tonnie Hull, Rt. 1, Casar, 28020
Laurel Haven	Clyde T. Houston, Box 3, Icard, 28666
Midway	Lex Wright, Rt. 8, Box 646, Hickory, 28601
Mt. Calvary	Cecil McKinney, Rt. 4, Box 740, Hickory, 28601
Mt. Gilead	Ottis Cook, Rt. 1, Casar, 28020
Mt. Hebron	
Mt. Vernon	

Mt. Zion..... Z. W. Settlemyer, Box 296, Cherryville, 28021
Mulls Chapel..... Steve Hardin, Rt. 1, Box 149A, Connelly Sp., 28612
Oak Ridge..... Edsel Mull, Rt. 2, Box 1040, Conn. Sp., 28612
Olive Grove..... Robert L. Beck, Rt. 1, Casar, 28020
Philadelphia..... Harold Dellinger, Rt. 1, Box 305, Shelby, 28150
Pisgah..... Joe R. Edwards, Rt. 1, Casar, 28020
Pleasant Grove..... John H. Smart, Rt. 1, Box 347, Conn. Sp., 28612
St. Johns.....
St. Paul..... Wayne Floyd, Rt. 1, Casar, 28020
Shoups Grove..... R. Harold Ashe, Box 240, Icard, 28666
Smarts Grove..... Finley McCoury, Rt. 3, Box 855, Conn. Sp., 28612
South Fork..... Ray Woody, Rt. 4, Box 777K, Hickory, 28601
Tabernacle..... John Glover, Rt. 1, Casar, 28020
Walkers, Chapel..... Harold Kanepp, Rt. 3, Box 888, Connelly Sp., 28612
Wilkies Grove..... Ralph Staton, Rt. 4, Box 470, Hickory, 28601
Zion Hill..... Thomas Berry, Rt. 3, Lawndale, 28090
Zoar..... Jerry Blanton, Rt. 1, Casar, 28020

MESSENGERS

Abees Chapel—Delkie Mourglea, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Ronder Crawford, Max Lowman, Azlee Lowman, Rev. and Mrs. Buren Hastings, Cleve Stezer, Adell Setzer, Gertrude Barger, Cora Gilliland.
Berea—Mr. & Mrs. Charlie Townsend, Mr. & Mrs. Earl Church, Mr. & Mrs. Robert Berry, Brady Burns.
Beulah—Mrs. Evan Rhoney, Mrs. E. A. Rudisill, Mrs. Olen Benfield, Mrs. Obie Huffman, Mrs. Ronell Lindsey, Mrs. Minnie Mull.
Carswell Memorial—Becky Smith, Isabell Butler, Lucy Smith, Debbie Serra, Mr. & Mrs. Wesby Carswell.
Corinth—Mr. & Mrs. Joe Smith, Mr. & Mrs. Early Lail, Rev. Cecil Buff.
Drowning Creek—Rev. & Mrs. Norris Brittain, Dan & Dorothy Munday, Garland & Viola Bryant.
Faith Olive
Grace and Truth—Rev. Lewis Travis, Willie Van Horn, Sr., Jesse Paysour.
Hildebran View
Hoyle Memorial—Mrs. Eva Hoyle, Vasco Price, Rev. Tonnie Hull, Sanford Burns, Rev. & Mrs. Robert Price.
Laurel Haven—Mr. & Mrs. Jim Howell, Vernon Bradshaw.
Midway—Rev. & Mrs. Lex Wright, Mr. & Mrs. Ed Wright, Mrs. Connie Wright, Mrs. Myra Faye White.
Mt. Calvary
Mt. Gilead—Mr. & Mrs. Jerry McNeilly, Ruthie Perker, Mrs. Nadie Parker, Mrs. Bessie Chapman, Mrs. Mary Lou Mull.
Mt. Hebron—Ramon and Nell Brittain, Richard and Clara Bradshaw, Ruth Hoyle, Esther Lagle, Auby Burns.
Mt. Vernon—Mrs. Junie Gantt, John Heavner, Mrs. Argel Miller, Mrs. Edith Wise, Lucy Cook, Mrs. Gladys Hull, Dale Wise, Mrs. Mae Hallman, Mr. & Mrs. Omar Hoyle.
Mt. Zion—Mr. & Mrs. Sam Proctor, Mrs. Lucy Wease, Mr. & Mrs. Buland Short, Mrs. Ophus Short, Mrs. Sheila Turner.
Mulls Chapel—Mr. & Mrs. Earnest Rhoney, Ed Keller, Rev. Steve Hardin.
Oak Ridge—Mr. & Mrs. Shirley Hudson, Mrs. Billy Evans, Mr. & Mrs. Lee Roy Childers, Sr.
Olive Grove—Rev. Robert L. Beck, Pink Walker, Mrs. Leonia Hull, Mrs. Myrtle Walker, Hazel Walker.
Philadelphia—Mrs. Helen Lowman, Mrs. Sadie Brittain, Alvin Brittain, Edsel Shuford.

Pisgah—Mr. & Mrs. Otto Devinney, Mr. & Mrs. Cleveland Buff, Mr. & Mrs. Buddy Oliver, Rev. & Mrs. Joe Edwards.
Pleasant Grove—John H. Smart, Roland York, John Williams, Carl Powell.
St. Johns—Sam Huffman, Ruby Huffman, Betty Huffman, Ruby Hartman, Eva Young, Wanda Hoyle, Lillie Huffman.
St. Paul—Worth Willis, Julius Earl, J. Z. Newton, Marie Newton, Zena Walker, James Green, Lucille Green, Claude Cook, Corene Cook.
Shoups Grove—Rev. Harold Ashe, Mrs. Noble Ashe, Mrs. Betty Johnson, Mrs. Selma Ledford, Mrs. Violet Brittain.
Smarts Grove—Rev. Finley McCoury, Ruth Lowman, R. E. Moses, Mary Moses, Eula Mae Abee.
South Fork—Mrs. Bonnie Wycoff, Mrs. Faye Shook, Neil Abernethy.
Tabernacle—Rev. and Mrs. John Glover.
Walkers Chapel
Wilkies Grove—Rev. Ralph Staton, Mrs. Annie Sain, Fred Sain, Mrs. Mavis Fortenberry, Mrs. Texie Brittain, Mrs. Ruby Staton.
Zion Hill—Mr. & Mrs. Marshall Buff, Mr. & Mrs. Warren Yancey, Frank Sain, Mrs. Mary Lail, Horace Sain.
Zoar—Lester Lail, Sherrill Chapman, Philip Dellinger, Dean Cook.

VISITORS TO THE ASSOCIATION

Rev. Nathan C. Brooks, Baptist State Convention, Raleigh
Mr. Calvin Knight, Baptist Hospital, Winston Salem
Rev. E. L. Spivey, Baptist State Convention, Charlotte
Mr. Graham Hall, Alamogorda, New Mexico

Constitution

1. This body shall be known as "The South Mountain Baptist Association."
2. It shall be composed of messengers from Missionary Baptist Churches.
3. The messengers from any Missionary Baptist Church may be admitted into this Association upon recommendation of the Committee on Petitionary Letters and the majority vote of members present at any regular meeting.
4. Any church in good fellowship may, at her discretion, withdraw from this body.
5. This Association may at any meeting, after investigation and report of a duly authorized committee of the Association, by a majority vote declare a dissolution of union with any church deemed corrupt, either in doctrine or practice.
6. Any church in this Association, with fifty members or under, may send three messengers, with one additional for each succeeding fifty members or major fraction thereof.
7. At each session of this Association a Moderator, a Vice-Moderator, a Clerk, and Treasurer shall be chosen by vote and hold office until their successors are elected. A Moderator shall not be eligible to succeed himself after having served in office for two years.
8. The meetings of the Association shall be held annually beginning on Thursday after the second Sunday of October unless otherwise ordered by the Association or the Executive Board.
9. The design of this Association is to promote the cause of true religion with the several churches of which it is or may be composed and to sustain the various objects fostered by the North Carolina State Convention and the Southern Baptist Convention.
10. This Association has no authority over any church nor any right to interfere with its internal concerns.

11. For the mutual benefit of the churches composing this Association, it shall be the duty of each church to forward with messengers a written communication to each annual meeting, specifying the names of messengers, statistics of the church for the foregoing year, giving account of its spiritual conditions and stating the names of the pastor and other licentiates or ordained ministers connected with the church.

12. (a) The Executive Committee shall be composed of the Associational officers and the pastors of each church, along with the Sunday School Director, Church Training Director, Brotherhood Director, Clerk, Treasurer, W.M.U. Director and Music Director. Ten members shall constitute a quorum.

(b) The Executive Committee meetings shall be on Tuesday after the second Sunday in Janaury, April, July and Tuesday after the first Sunday in October.

(c) The Moderator shall appoint the Committee on Committees to serve from one Annual Meeting to the next (starting with 1966).

(d) The Committee on Committees shall fill vacancies that may occur between annual meetings of the Association by bringing names to the Executive Committee for their approval.

13. The Constitution may be altered or amended by two-thirds of the members present at any annual meeting provided such alterations or amendment shall be submitted in writing at one session and acted upon at the next.

14. Kerfoot's Parliamentary Laws, as far as applicable, shall be followed in the government of the Assocation.

15. No one person shall be allowed to petition the body in session for more than one thing in the same session, unless given permission by the Moderator or two-thirds of the messengers present.

16. No department officer shall exercise authority over his department, except it be in accord with the ruling of the Executive Committee or the Association in regular session.

RULES OF ORDER OF THE CONSTITUTION

1. Every meeting shall be opened and closed with prayer.

2. All questions of procedure shall be decided by Kerfoot's Manual of Parliamentary Practice.

3. In view of the fact that the officers of our Association come to the annual meeting with plans made for the session, be it resolved that we elect our officers at the close of the meeting to act till the close of the next annual meeting.

COMMITTEES AND THEIR DUTIES

COMMITTEES APPOINTED BY MODERATOR

Section 1. The Moderator shall appoint in advance of the annual meeting a Committee on Enrollment, Place, Time and Preacher, and Resolutions Committees and any other committees he may deem advisable or necessary. Each of these committees shall report at the annual meeting for which they are appointed.

Section 2. The Committee on enrollment shall be composed of members of the host church appointed by the chairman. It shall be the duties of this committee to arrange for the registration of all the messengers and visitors and to make a report to the association.

Section 3. The Committee on Time, Place and Preacher shall be composed of three members. It shall be the duty of this committee to recommend to the Association the churches at which the next session shall meet and the preachers for the annual sermons at the next session.

Section 4. The Committee on Resolutions shall be composed of three members. It shall be the duty of this Committee to draw up and present to the Association suitable resolutions of appreciation and expressions of sentiments on any matter chosen by the committee or directed by the messengers of the session.

COMMITTEES SELECTED BY COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES

Section 5. The Committee on Committees shall be composed of five appointed members, the Moderator and Associational Missionary. Other officers of the Association may act as Ex Officio members. It shall be the duty of this Committee to prepare for approval of the Association the names of persons to serve on the following committees: Nomination, Finance, Petitionary Letters, Ordination of Ministers, Constitution of Churches, Trustees, Evangelism, Missions and South Mountain Camp.

Section 6. The Program Committee shall be composed of the general officers of the Association. It shall be the duty of this Committee to prepare and present a suggested order of business to be adopted by the Association. When adopted, this program becomes the order of business unless changed by common consent or by vote of the body.

Section 7. The Committee on Nominations shall be composed of five members. It shall be the duty of this Committee to prepare for the Association the names of individuals as nominees for the following offices: Moderator, Vice-Moderator, Treasurer, Clerk, Sunday School Director, Church Training Director, Music Director, Vacation Bible School Director, R.A. Director, Brotherhood Director, Pianist and Historian. It shall be the duty of this Committee to name for the approval of the Association individuals who shall bring to the next annual meeting brief written reports on Public Morals and Temperance, Christian Education, Foreign Missions, Home Missions, State Missions, Hospitals, Homes for the Aging, Children's Homes, Cooperative Program, Religious Literature, Christian Stewardship, Relief and Annuity, Obituaries, Southern Baptist Protective Program, and the American Bible Society. Nominations by this Committee shall not preclude nominations from the floor. This Committee shall make nominations for vacancies that may occur during the year.

(a) Sunday School Director, Church Training Director, Brotherhood Director, Vacation Bible School Director and Music Director shall work with the Nominating Committee in selecting officers for their departments.

(b) The Committee on Ordination of Ministers shall act only upon the request of the churches.

HISTORICAL TABLE OF THE ASSOCIATION

1950—S. M. Stroupe, Moderator; J. E. Hoffman, Vice-Moderator; Mrs. J. D. Goodwin, Clerk; A. V. Ledford, N. S. Hardin, Preachers; Oak Ridge, Corinth, Places.

1951—S. M. Stroupe, Moderator; J. E. Hoffman, Vice Moderator; Mrs. J. D. Goodwin, Clerk; Grady Welch, L. A. Miller, Preachers; Icard, Zion Hill, Places.

1952—S. M. Stroupe, Moderator; J. E. Hoffman, Vice Moderator; Mrs. Claude Icard, Clerk; Lamont Mayes, W. H. Flowers, Preachers; Henry River, St. Paul, Places.

1953—S. M. Stroupe, Moderator; B. R. Holbrook, Vice Moderator; Mrs. B. R. Holbrook, Clerk; R. W. Hord, Fred Hicks, Preachers; Bethany, Mt. Vernon, Places.

1954—J. E. Hoffman, Moderator; A. V. Ledford, Vice Moderator; Mrs. B. R. Holbrook, Clerk; Forrest Davis, B. R. Holbrook, Preachers; Shoup's Grove, Walker's Chapel, Places.

1955—J. E. Hoffman, Moderator; Ralph Berry, Vice Moderator; Mrs. B. R. Holbrook, Clerk; Buren Hastings, J. E. Hoffman, Preachers; Connelly Springs, Pisgah, Places.

1956—Paul Crotts, Moderator; W. N. Reece, Vice Moderator; Mrs. Frank Hicks, Clerk; Julius Hildebran, Ralph Berry, Preachers; St. Paul, Mull's Chapel, Places.

1957—Paul Crotts, Moderator; W. N. Reece, Vice Moderator; Mrs. Frank Hicks, Clerk; Joe Richards, B. H. Cline, Preachers; Abee's Chapel, Carswell Memorial, Places.

1958—Paul Crotts, Moderator; W. N. Reece, Vice Moderator; Mrs. Frank Hicks, Clerk; J. E. Hoffman, Paul Crotts, Preachers; St. John's, Oak Ridge, Places.

1959—Paul Crotts, Moderator; Mrs. Frank Hicks, Clerk; Edsel Mull, Grady McCurry, Preachers; Berea, Beulah, Places.

1960—Paul Crotts, Moderator; Mrs. Frank Hicks, Clerk; Harold Whitener, Earsel Robinson, Preachers; Midway, Zion Hill, Places.

1961—Paul Crotts, Moderator; Mrs. Frank Hicks, Clerk; P. G. Sullivan, Harold Whitener, Preachers; Mr. Vernon, Shoup's Grove, Places.

1962—Paul Crotts, Moderator; Harold Whitener, Vice Moderator; Mrs. Frank Hicks, Clerk; S. M. Stroupe, J. I. Willis, Preachers; Wilkie's Grove, Corinth, Places.

1963—Harold Whitener, Moderator; Paul Crotts, Vice Moderator; Mrs. Frank Hicks, Clerk; Garland Early, Harvey Harris, Preachers; St. Paul, Pleasant Grove, Places.

1964—Paul Crotts, Moderator; Mrs. Frank Hicks, Clerk; B. R. Whisnant, Thomas Taylor, Preachers; Mt. Gilead, Olive Grove, Places.

1965—Paul Crotts, Moderator; Mrs. Frank Hicks, Clerk; Floyd Benfield, Jack Johnson, Preachers; Mt. Hebron, Pisgah, Places.

1966—Thomas D. Taylor, Moderator; Miss Lucille Upton, Clerk; J. M. Powell, Jack E. Guffey, Preachers; Drowning Creek, Mull's Chapel, Mt. Calvary, Places.

1967—Paul Crotts, Moderator; Miss Lucille Upton, Clerk; J. T. Cline, William Shytle, Preachers; Abee's Chapel, Wilkie's Grove, Smart's Grove, Places.

1968—William Shytle, Moderator; Miss Lucille Upton, Clerk; Andy Mead, G. C. Wray, Preachers; Berea, Beulah, St. Paul, Places.

1969—William Shytle, Moderator; Miss Lucille Upton, Clerk; R. L. Ball, Harold Ashe, Preachers; Oak Ridge, Carswell Memorial, Faith Olive, Places.

1970—J. T. Cline, Moderator; Miss Lucille Upton, Clerk; Richard Adams, Ralph Staton, Preachers; Mt. Vernon, Mull's Chapel, Places.

1971—J. T. Cline, Moderator; Miss Lucille Upton, Clerk; Ronald Martin, Cecil Buff, Preachers; Zion Hill, Corinth, Places.

1972—Ralph Staton, Moderator; Miss Lucille Upton, Clerk; Dennis Whitley, Carrell Pruette, Preachers; Zoar, Abee's Chapel, Places.

1973—Ralph Staton, Moderator; Miss Lucille Upton, Clerk; Raymond Crook, Paul Crotts, Preachers; Wilkie's Grove, St. John's Places.

1974—Raymond Crook, Moderator; Miss Lucille Upton, Clerk; Edsel Mull, Kenneth Simpson, Preachers; St. Paul, Shoup's Grove, Places.

1975—Harold Dellinger, Moderator; Miss Lucille Upton, Clerk; Buren Hastings, Gwyn Sullivan, Preachers; Mt. Hebron, Olive Grove, Places.

Proceedings

Sixty-fifth Session of South Mountain Baptist Association
Theme: "Let Christ's Freedom Ring"

1. After a combined audience of delegates and visitors from the various churches assembled in the sanctuary of Mt. Hebron, they heard the sound of the gavel which signified the call to order of the sixty-fifth session of the South Mountain Baptist Association. Presiding at this first session was Rev. Harold Dellinger, the moderator, who extended a welcome to those present.

2. The congregation joined in singing the hymn "We're Marching to Zion."

3. The devotional thoughts were presented by Rev. Joe Edwards of Pisgah who read from the Holy Scriptures Philippians 3:7-14 and led in the opening prayer.

4. As we arrived we registered and were given copies of the day's program. After having an opportunity to consider the program prepared and distributed by the program committee and upon the recommendation that the program be adopted granting the moderator the right to make any needed changes, the group voted to accept it as recommended.

5. During the brief business session, the moderator gave a review of the committees and individuals with a reminder of their responsibilities and duties to be performed at this annual session.

6. The report on Homes for the Aging was prepared and submitted by Darrell Pruette. In his absence and having no representative, the body voted to accept his report.

7. Mrs. Pearl Chapman submitted the report on the Children's Homes and upon a motion to accept her report the group voted acceptance.

8. The Christian Education Report submitted by Mrs. Annette Brittain gained a favorable vote following a move for adoption. We were somewhat disappointed that no representative from any of our seven Baptist colleges came to appear on the program.

9. The group voted to accept the report on the Cooperative Program as presented by Fred Sain. Due to illness in his family, he was unable to be present either for giving or speaking to his report.

10. The Baptist Hospital report was given a favorable vote of acceptance following a move to adopt it as prepared by Cecil Cook.

11. We were delighted to have as a guest speaker Rev. Nathan Brooks from the State Convention in Raleigh. Speaking in behalf of State Missions he briefly discussed each of the preceding institutions and programs which are sponsored by our State Convention. His message was most inspiring and challenging as he reported growth and expansion of the program in North Carolina. He announced the donation of $100,000 from the Broyhill Family to be used in establishing a Children's Home in western North Carolina. He shared with us from a personal experience his appreciation for the Baptist Hospital in the treatment given to his sister, a missionary from Nigeria. He noted that gifts to State Missions were 6.24% ahead of last year's contributions and cited the great commission given in Matthew 28:19-20 as justification for our continued support.

12. Reviewing actions and decisions made in behalf of the association. Lucille Upton, the clerk, gave the report of the Executive Committee and the group voted acceptance. In addition to the submitted material, she reported the most recent action taken by the committee naming Rev. Harold Dellinger as Superintendent of Missions. The action followed the recommendation and regulations established by the Missions Committee.

13. The treasurer's report was given by Doris Upton. After reviewing the printed statement of receipts and disbursements for the year, with an opportunity to discuss or ask questions, the body voted favorably to accept her report.

14. The group then stood and joined in singing the hymn "Standing on the Promises," with Rev. T. A. Lineberger serving as director and Mrs. Joe Edwards as pianist.

15. The Missionary Message based on the Scripture from Acts 13:2 was given by Rev. Buren Hastings and served to bring to a close the afternoon session of the annual meeting.

16. Following greetings and a cordial welcome from Rev. Frank Northcutt, interim pastor at Mt. Hebron. We were given directions and an invitation to participate in the evening meal and fellowship hour hosted by the church.

17. Following the combined prayer of benediction and blessing we proceeded to the church fellowship hall and thoroughly enjoyed a bountiful and delicious meal with a time of fellowship with representatives from the various associational churches.

Thursday Night

18. The call to order for opening the night session was given by the vice moderator, Rev. Gwyn Sullivan. The group enjoyed quiet music by David Willis as the final delegates and visitors completed the assembly.

19. Under the direction of T. A. Lineberger and with David Willis as pianist the group joined in singing the hymn "Crown Him With Many Crowns."

20. Using the scripture found in I Peter 1:1-9, Rev. Ralph Staton gave the devotional thoughts and led the prayer.

21. A welcome and appropriate comments were spoken by Rev. Sullivan as he got the program under way for the evening session.

22. Special recognition was given to visitors as they were welcomed to the associational meeting.

23. The following pastors and interim pastors were introduced as being new in the association:

Rev. Jerry Bryant	Interim	Mt. Vernon
Rev. Clyde Houston	Pastor	Laurel Haven
Rev. Norris Brittain	Pastor	Drowning Creek

Rev. Frank Northcutt	Interim	Mt. Hebron
Rev. T. A. Lineberger	Interim	Carswell Memorial

24. Mrs. Jesse Fortenberry moved adoption to her W.M.U. report and the group voted to accept it. She then introduced a special guest speaker—Mrs. Shirley Hord of New Prospect Baptist Church of the Kings Mountain Association, who inspired and warmed our hearts as she spoke enthusiastically about mission work. Her recommendation for more effective missionary program in any church is to enlist, learn, give, and pray.

25. The State Missions report was accepted when Rev. Ralph Staton moved for adoption.

26. Since no Home Mission report was prepared and submitted, this particular information will be omitted in this year's records.

27. We regret that no information or report will be recorded for Foreign Missions.

28. Following the move for adoption and acceptance of the report of the South Mountain Baptist Camp, T. A. Lineberger proceeded to point out some highlights of the past summer's program and the number of decisions made among those in attendance this summer. He voiced the hope of soon completing the camp chapel and building an equipment storage facility.

29. The hymn "Praise Him, Praise Him" was sung by the entire assembly with T. A. Lineberger leading and David Willis serving as pianist.

30. The entire audience was moved with the presentation of two beautiful selections by the Zion Hill choir under the direction of Kenneth Sain. We greatly appreciate their enjoyable contribution to the program.

31. Rev. Edsel Mull led the group in prayer to prepare our hearts for the special message of the evening.

32. We were highly favored and felt fortunate in having as special guest and speaker Rev. Luther Osmet, Area Missionary for Western North Carolina. In emphasizing all phases of the mission program he quoted some amazing statistics and challenged us with three thoughts: (1) We face a needy world, (2) We face a message that can change that world, (3) We face the responsibility of giving that gospel to this world. He emphasized the importance and responsibility by saying that "the church that won't go can't stay."

33. Rev. Harold Dellinger, newly elected Superintendent of Missions for the association was formally presented to the group. Mrs. Dellinger stood with him as she will probably be a very valuable co-worker.

34. With the announcement and an invitation to attend the sessions of the second day to be held at Olive Grove, the benediction was given by Brady Burns, Chairman of the Board of Deacons of Berea Baptist Church.

Friday Afternoon

35. Despite the downpour of rain, delegates and friends gathered at Olive Grove for the last day's sessions of the South Mountain Baptist Association. Rev. Dellinger called the group to order and proceeded with the planned program.

36. The opening hymn "Standing on the Promises" was sung as Kenneth Sain directed and Mrs. Joe Edwards served as pianist.

37. Leonard Newton gave the Scripture reading from Psalms 46 and concluded with appropriate comments and led the group in prayer.

The moderator interrupted the regular schedule to announce that the evening meal would be served in the fellowship hall at Zion Hill.

38. The minutes of the previous day's session were given by the clerk and the group voted to accept them as read.

39. In behalf of Rev. Paul Crotts, who has left the association through resignation of his church, Thomas Berry prepared and submitted the report on the Biblical Recorder. After moving adoption and receiving a favorable vote we were favored by having Dr. E. L. Spivey from Charlotte speak to us on the Biblical Recorder and other religious literature. He pointed out that the Recorder is the third largest publication with a weekly circulation of 112,000. He urged increased individual, club, and church-wide subscriptions so that we might become better informed on religious and Baptist activities. He commended the editor and associate editor for the content of the publication. He closed with the quotation: "When we are in-

formed, we will perform."

40. The report on Evangelism was prepared and submitted by Thomas Berry, The newly elected Evangelism Chairman, replacing Rev. Paul Crotts. His report was favorably accepted by the delegate assembly. We regret that due to illness in his family, he was unable to attend.

41. Rev. Cecil Buff moved adoption for his report on the American Bible Society and after the group voted to accept the report he made interesting and worthwhile comments urging continued support for this institution which spreads the gospel by widespread circulation of Bibles and religious materials.

42. In the absence of Robert Berry by whom the Stewardship report was prepared the group gave consideration to the printed report, and moved adoption and accepted it.

43. Due to his resignation and leaving the association, the designated person for Public Morals and Temperance submitted no report to be included in our annual publication of minutes.

44. The group jointed in singing the hymn "Our Best" with Kenneth Sain and Mrs. Edwards leading in directing and musical accompaniment.

45. As a postscript to the Missions report, action by the Executive Committee in naming Rev. Harold Dellinger as Superintendent of Missions will be added to the report. This ammended report was accepted by the assembly.

46. The group adopted as written the Southern Baptist Annuity report by Rev. Edsel Mull.

47. Even though he has since resigned and left the association, Rev. G. C. Wray prepared the Church Training Report which was presented to the body and was favorably accepted.

48. Items of business included the following:

a. The clerk requested contact with some representative from Drowning Creek, Faith Olive, Hildebran View, Mt. Calvary, and Tabernacle Churches.

b. Rev. Settlemyer recommended that Laurel Haven, under the watchcare of the association for the preceding year, be accepted into the fellowship of the association. The group favorably accepted the church into the associational family. Following brief comments by the Laurel Haven pastor, Rev. Clyde Houston, the group recognized representatives of the church and extended a welcome to them.

c. The moderator expressed appreciation to those preparing and submitting reports early enought to be included in the Book of Reports.

49. Under the leadership of Kenneth Sain and Mrs. Joe Edwards, the group joined in singing "Christ for the Whole Wide World."

50. Recognition was given to Rev. Calvin Knight representative of the Baptist Hospital.

51. Rev. Clyde Houston, pastor of Laurel Haven, led the group in prayer.

52. As a basis for the afternoon message Rev. Joe Edwards read the Scripture from I Corinthians 9:1-4.

53. Prayer was led by Rev. Sullivan.

54. The Doctrinal Message presented by Rev. Gwyn Sullivan was entitled "Support of the Minister of the Gospel." He based his remarks on the previously read passage of scripture and urged greater support by our churches for those serving as ministers in the various congregations emphasizing the theme that those who preach and the gospel shall live by the gospel.

55. At the conclusion of the message the group was dismissed by a combined prayer of benediction and blessing. We then went to the fellowship hall of Zion Hill where a bountiful and delicious meal was provided by the congregation of Olive Grove. We thoroughly enjoyed the food, hospitality and fellowship hour together.

Friday Night

56. The final session of the South Mountain Baptist Association was called to order by Rev. Sullivan, vice moderator, who presided over the evening's program.

57. The group joined in singing "Onward Christian Soldiers" under the direction and accompaniment of Kenneth Sain and Mrs. Edwards.

58. Scripture taken from verses found in both the ninth and eleventh chapters of Matthew was read by William Walker.

59. The opening prayer of the evening was led by Dean Cook.

60. Due to a change in program postponing the presentation of the Sunday School report

from Thursday, Fred Sain was recognized. After moving adoption and having the Sunday School report accepted, he spoke concerning the importance of this phase of our associational work. He reminded us of the importance of participating, promoting, and reporting attendance on November 2 which is designated as High Attendance Day. He gave his telephone number and urged 100% cooperation in relaying information to him to be sent to Baptist State Headquarters.

61. Having had a Superintendent of Missions for such a short time during the past year and having activities promoted by individual leaders of various departments no report was submitted.

62. Rev. Buff on behalf of other members of the committee and the entire delegate assembly presented the report of the Resolutions Committee expressing appreciation to host churches, officers, and representatives for a good associational meeting. His report will be included elsewhere in the minutes.

63. Delbert Walker, serving as chairman, presented the Proposed Budget as prepared by the Finance Committee. He presented the various items included and noted increases in numerous areas. After affording time and opportunity for consideration and comments, the body voted to accept the report as proposed by the committee. The report appears elsewhere. He also recommended that next year the report be presented on the first day to be considered and discussed and action be taken on the second day.

64. Mrs. Harold Dellinger serving as chairman and working with other members presented the report of the Time, Place, and Preacher Committee. The report was accepted and appears elsewhere in the minutes.

65. The group joined in singing the hymn "May the Lord Depend on You."

66. The report of the Nominating Committee was given by Fred Sain who served as chairman of the group in naming officers and individuals to present reports for the next year. The group voted to accept the entire slate as presented by the committee.

67. The Committee on Committees with Thomas Berry serving as Chairman submitted the report which is included at another place in the minutes.

68. Rev. Harold Dellinger presided at the official installation of associational officers. He then proceeded to present the gavel to the newly installed moderator, Rev. Harold Ashe. This action signified the completion of his task and assumption of new duties and responsibilities of the newly-elected moderator. He expressed appreciation and cooperation to Rev. Ashe.

69. The new moderator made brief and appropriate remarks in assuming his role of leadership and pledged his best efforts to the position he now holds.

70. Rev. Norris Brittain, pastor of Drowning Creek, led the group in prayer.

71. Special music by a quintet composed of Gwyn Sullivan, Kenneth Sain, Mary Lail, Wayne Floyd, and Cecil Buff was thoroughly enjoyed. They sang "Have Thine Own Way, Lord."

72. Appropriate thoughts were included in the memoriam given by Lucille Upton honoring the memory of those who have gone from our midst since our last meeting. The group stood reverently as names were read and then after a moment of silent meditation the memorial prayer was given by Rev. Jerry Bryant of Mt. Vernon.

73. The same quintet presented another special musical number entitled "Near to the Heart of God."

74. Rev. Harold Dellinger, in relinquishing his position, gave the moderator's address basing his remarks on Scripture from Revelation 3. He urged loyalty to God, to missions and to the church in his worthwhile message. He urged support for the new moderator.

75. Dismissal was declared by the moderator, Rev. Harold Ashe.

76. Final benediction was given by Fred Sain as members departed to the various churches to undertake a new year's work for the Lord.

AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY REPORT

The world's population reached an estimated total of four billion people in 1974—most of them without ready access to the Word of God.

During 1974, 252,956,174 scriptures were distributed throughout the world by the United Bible Societies.

The American Bible Society continues its great work here and abroad. To meet the growing demand for scriptures for a world whose people are more than ever in need of the Saving Power of the Gospel, the American Bible Society requires increased support from the churches. As a result, the 1975 budget of the American Bible Society grew to $12,950,000, an increase of $650,000 over 1974. By 1980 it will reach an estimated $18,000,000.

The challenge of hundreds of millions of people for God's Word confronts the Southern Baptist Convention and the American Bible Society with unprecedented responsibilities and opportunities. Working together, we can be faithful to the high calling to which we are committed.

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. Cecil Buff

1975 ANNUITY BOARD REPORT

The Southern Baptist Convention Annuity Board serves as a lifeline of support for 10,034 retired pastors and other church-related workers or their widows.

During 1974, the board paid about $15 1/2 million in retirement and other protection benefits to these annuitants. In the Board's 57 year history, it has paid a total of over $125 million in retirement and protection benefits.

The annuity board also holds in trust and invests retirements contributions from 38,000 pastors, other church staff and denominational employees—which will be converted into annuity benefits when they retire.

These funds held in trust amount to a record $353,445,743. While this seems a large amount of money, it needs to be noted that this must be divided by the number of future annuitants it will serve for the remainder of their lifetimes after retirement.

In December 1974, the board issued a 13th Check to annuitants. It amounted to more than $675,00 and was equal to one month's benefits. It is called a 13th Check because it is issued above and beyond the 12 regular monthly benefit checks distributed to annuitants.

The Annuity Board's Relief Committee gets requests from many aged preachers and widows. Many of these men served before the Annuity Board started and before ministers were covered under social security.

The Annuity Board gets about $225,000 a year from the Cooperative Program for Relief and aid to preachers without an income. Now old and sick, the Annuity Board is able to bring joy and help to almost 500 preachers and their widows through this gift from the Cooperative Program. The Annuity Board studies these requests with prayer on their lips for the wisdom of God in making decisions.

Do you have your minister in this retirement plan? "Cast me not off in time of old age." If you don't have your minister in the Annuity Board's Retirement Plan, now is the time to plan for this tomorrow. They provide retirement programs, health care, and life insurance.

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. Edsel Mull

SOUTH MOUNTAIN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
1976 PROPOSED BUDGET

		PROPOSED INCREASE
Missionary Salary	$7,040.00	
Missionary's Travel Expense	500.00	750.00
Missionary's Retirement	640.00	
Missionary's Health Benefit	436.00	
Missionary's Utilities	450.00	

Secretary's Salary	330.00	
S.S. Director's Compensation	100.00	200.00
Miscellaneous Supplies	250.00	
Machine Equipment Repair	50.00	
Office Equipment	200.00	
Postage	150.00	200.00
Church Training & "M" Night	75.00	
Sunday School	200.00	
Woman's Missionary Union	100.00	150.00
Royal Ambassadors	45.00	
Minutes	800.00	
Vacation Bible School	150.00	
Evangelism	100.00	
Brotherhood	25.00	
South Mountain Camp	50.00	
Church Music	50.00	
Clerk's Compensation	200.00	250.00
Treasurer's Compensation	200.00	250.00
Communication	50.00	
Training at Ridgecrest	325.00	
Associational Speaker's Fee	150.00	
Telephone	300.00	350.00
Missionary's Christmas	50.00	
Electricity	120.00	150.00
Fuel	150.00	
Church Administration Conference Pastors	75.00	
Office Unit Payments	$1,000.00	
Miscellaneous Expense		100.00
Total Proposed Budget		$15,091.00

BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOMES OF N. C.

Christian Child Care provided by the Baptist Children's Homes of North Carolina is a cooperative mission. It was through the life, teaching and ministry of Christ and under the leadership of the Holy Spirit that North Carolina Baptists launched their child care ministry 90 years ago. Today it is recognized as one of the outstanding ministries of its kind in the nation.

The lives of more than 3,700 people were affected in a significant way through the services of the Homes during the past year. Daily care and related services were provided to 1,524 children. Of this number, 1,061 were in continuing programs while 463 received casework, counseling, and referral services. While we were caring for the children, a close working relationship was maintained with 2,178 adults in an effort to re-establish homes and strengthen family relationships.

New and exciting developments are in progress throughout the state. During the past year emergency shelters were opened in Charlotte and Forest City to meet the needs of children requiring immediate assistance. Both Broyhill Home and Mills Home will have a new cottage for children constructed during the next year. Progress is being made to expand facilities at Odum Home. Increasing numbers of families are opening hearts and homes for the care of foster children. All of these indicate a living, vital and growing ministry to people.

The award winning film, "The Mountain Within," meets with praise and appreciation wherever it is shown. It will continue to be available by request, either to the Communications Department of the Baptist State Convention or the Children's Homes.

A cooperative mission requires that the parties involved have a clear, common purpose to which they are firmly committed, undergirded by mutual trust, and clear communications. These three factors characterize the relationships between the Baptists of North Carolina and

their Children's Homes. Through the Cooperative Program and the Thanksgiving Offering, Baptists throughout the state can share a commitment to Christian child care. In response, the staff of the Children's Homes is committed to translate this support into a dynamic ministry of love and concern for children and families in need. With God's continued blessing we will move together to fulfill our mission.

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. Pearl Chapman

CHRISTIAN HIGHER EDUCATION

COLLEGES ACTIVE IN MISSION SUPPORT

Baptist Colleges in North Carolina see themselves as active participants in the Christian Mission to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ with all people everywhere. In addition to the important role of preparing future lay leaders for local churches, the colleges continue a strong emphasis upon ministerial and church-related vocational training.

In April of 1975, our seven colleges reported a total of 715 persons who were preparing for careers in church leadership. Most of these persons will complete their preparation by attending a seminary. Southern Baptist Seminaries listed an enrolment of 303 graduates of North Carolina Baptist Colleges in the spring of 1975. The Foreign Mission Board has under appointment 152 of our graduates at present, more than 6% of the total number of current missionary personnel. In addition, a significant number of Baptist College trained persons serve in strategic posts with the Home Mission Board, Baptist State Conventions and Associational Missions throughout the Southern Baptist Convention. Baptist College students receive excellent experience and training for church and missionary service through Baptist Youth Corps. Approximately 100 Baptist College students were assigned to churches for the summer of 1975. The colleges furnish one-half of the youth corps worker's salary, and thus enjoy a vital partnership with churches and students in summer mission work.

COOPERATIVE PROGRAM VITAL TO COLLEGES

With the exception of what students pay, the Cooperative Program Continues to be the largest single source of annual income for our colleges. In these days of financial uncertainty, the colleges are grateful for the level of support which North Carolina Baptists have maintained. During 1975, the anticipated Cooperative Program Budget for the colleges will provide: Campbell College, $416,066; Chowan College, $263,333; Gardner-Webb College $329,166; Mars Hill College, $360,776; Meredith College, $360,776; Wake Forest University, $639,900; and Wingate College, $263,333.

It is accurate to say that the ministry of North Carolina Baptist Colleges, as we know it today, is the direct result of Cooperative Program support.

BAPTIST COLLEGE DAY

Another way the churches help to relieve the college's financial burden is through the annual offering on Father's Day. Designated for student aid, this offering gives much-needed assistance to many students from Baptist Churches, making an education on a Christian College Campus possible.

THE NEED TO ENROLL BAPTIST STUDENTS

Pastors and other church leaders can assist their young people and our colleges by encouraging attendance at a Baptist College. Information is available in brochure form, free of charge, from the council on Christian higher education of the Baptist State Convention in

Raleigh. Each of the colleges pledges to North Carolina Baptist young people that no qualified student will be turned away for purely financial reasons. Through grants, loans and work scholarships, an education is available for anyone who seriously seeks it.

A PLEDGE AND A PLEA

North Carolina Baptist Colleges are committed to Christian values, and to an active partnership with their fellow-Baptists in evangelism, missions, education and social concern.

Your Baptist Colleges sincerely solicit the supportive prayers of North Carolina Baptist Churches, that we will be aware of and receptive to divine guidance in performing the work which we have been given to do.

Respectfully submitted,
Annette Y. Brittain

CHURCH TRAINING REPORT

We could not call this a year of spectacular happenings in Church Training through the Association. Our churches which have Church Training have some faithful members who have attended Church Training every Sunday Night. Only God can reveal the results of the seeds that have been sown. The highlight of our Associational year was "M" night at Berea with Rev. Gwyn Sullivan bringing an inspiring message.

We urge you if you do not have Church Training in your church—the time to begin is NOW. Let's use the motto "Be Prepared" and prepare ourselves through Church Training to be better workers for our Lord.

Respectfully submitted,
G. C. Wray

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES

Due to illness in his family, the person responsible for this report has not been able to complete his report. He informs me that this should be completed within the next few days. As soon as I receive it I will forward the information to be included in the minutes of the South Mountain Baptist Association. I regret this delay but will appreciate your understanding and consideration.

Sincerely
Lucille Upton

COOPERATIVE PROGRAM REPORT

Southern Baptists have frequently been called a people on mission for God. I truly believe this is God's way of spreading the gospel around the world.

This mission is best carried out through doing together those ministries which it would be impossible to perform individually. Cooperation of this magnitude is a unique feature of Southern Baptists. The Cooperative Program may well be called our trademark.

During 1975 we have celebrated the 50th anniversary of the Cooperative Program. Now we are challenged to turn our thinking to the years ahead. A convention wide goal has been set for $150 million to be received in the State Conventions in 1976—$52 million for Southern Baptist causes and $98 million for State causes.

May I challenge every Southern Baptist to do his share.

Respectfully submitted,
Fred Sain

EVANGELISM REPORT

According to Matt. 9:36-38, when Jesus saw the multitudes, He was moved with compassion on them, because they fainted, and were scattered abroad, as sheep having no shepherd.

Earlier this year, Bro. Vance Havener spoke at our annual Evangelism Conference from 2 Chron. 7:14, which says "If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves and pray and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and will heal their land."

Jesus was moved with compassion when He saw people's condition. Have we been moved with compassion enough to turn to God's plea? For 3 consecutive years, Southern Baptists have baptized over 400,000. Have we done our best?

Jesus said in verse 37 "The harvest is truly plenteous, but the laborers are few; pray ye therefore the Lord of harvest, that He will send forth laborers into His harvest."

This should be the prayer of all concerned Christians today. Are you active in God's harvest?

Respectfully submitted,
Thomas Berry in absence of
Paul Crotts

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

Charged with the obligation and feeling keenly their responsibility for carrying on the business of the South Mountain Baptist Association, the members gathered faithfully to attend the regularly scheduled meetings. Rev. Dellinger, the newly elected moderator, has furnished leadership and guidance in directing affairs affecting all the churches of the association. He urged from time to time greater participation from more churches and a larger representation to help in deliberating Associational problems and proposals.

A regular part of every meeting was the devotional thoughts presented by various ministers and each comment was an inspiration for greater effort and more dedication to the cause of Christ. The reading and approval of minutes and the periodic financial statements prepared by the treasurer were heard and accepted by the group. Various information presented by the chairman of each group will be included in their individual reports.

We were happy that through the Promotional Emphasis, our Association had 3,300 present on High Attendance Day on November 17 and that North Carolina ranked second throughout the Southern Baptist Convention.

There has been a move to bring about a closer relationship between the Sunday School and Church Training and Fred Sain and G. C. Wray are to be commended for their leadership.

A new W.M.S. was organized at St. Paul and a very interesting and well attended meeting marked the observance of W.M.U. annual Associational meeting this year. This was due in large measure to the capable leadership of Mrs. Jesse Fortenberry.

Through the efforts of Rev. Paul Crotts, who served as chairman of evangelism, we were priviledged to have as guest speaker, Dr. Vance Havnaer for our Evangelistic Conference. All churches gathered at Mt. Vernon and thoroughly enjoyed the message and presence of the speaker and the fellowship among the church groups from all over the association.

Rev. Gwyn Sullivan, vice moderator, presided at the first meeting to allow Rev. Dellinger to name the following committees which were chosen after the annual associational meeting:

ENROLLMENT: The Pastors of Mt. Hebron and Olive Grove Baptist Churches

TIME, PLACE AND PREACHER: Mrs. Harold Dellinger, Mrs. Aileen Berry and Mrs. Helen Lowman.

RESOLUTIONS: Rev. Paul Crotts, Fred Sain and James Bradley.

Early in the year the Executive Committee members were presented letters of resignation from Thomas Berry and Judy Berry from the positions of Superintendent of Missions and Secretary respectively. We reluctantly accepted, and acknowledged their dedication and valuable contribution to the task and the overall success of the work of the association. Rev. Berry's ac-

ceptance of the pastorate of Zion Hill necessitated the change which became effective on February 1st. We acknowledge and appreciate the help given by Mrs. Aileen Berry who was a good "Associate Superintendent."

It was decided by the group that the presently existing missions committee be given the responsibility of securing a replacement for the position of superintendent of missions. At the request of Rev. Edsel Mull, that his wife be relieved due to there being two of them on the committee, it was voted that the remaining members: Rev. G. C. Wray, Warren Yancey, Doris Upton and Edsel Mull serve on the committee.

The theft of valuable equipment from the associational office led Rev. Sullivan to recommend a re-evaluation of previous action taken concerning the location of the mobile unit. To conduct this investigation, Rev. Sullivan as chairman along with Paul Crotts, Edsel Mull, and Ralph Staton were chosen.

Due to the resignation of the superintendent of missions, the treasurer was authorized to notify and execute change regarding payments to the Annuity Board.

Upon the later recommendation of the Re-evaluation Committee that the office remain at the same location until a new superintendent could be named, the grounds committee tried to make more secure the property by installing the pump in such way that it would be virtually impossible to move it.

Fred Sain was successful in securing Rev. Bert Potter to lead an Associational Conference on Sunday School work. The meeting was held at Berea on July 26 with a covered dish supper. This proved a valuable experience for all churches that participated. The Executive Board furnished financial assistance in this clinic project.

The Association will observe Ministerial Day on April 4, 1976. On this Sunday the pulpits in participating churches will be filled by guest speakers from Gardner-Webb College. This program has been enthusiastically received in previous years and we are hoping for increased participation for the forth coming date. We urge careful consideration by churches not previously involved.

Due to the resignation of Rev. Paul Crotts and his leaving the Association, several vacancies occurred by virtue of positions he held at the time of his resignation. These vacancies and the replacements recommended and accepted by the Executive Committee are as follows: Member of the General Board—Edsel Mull; Chairman of Evangelism—Thomas Berry: Chairman of Resolutions—Cecil Buff.

The resignation of Carl Green as Brotherhood Director and the vote to comply with his request resulted in the naming of Joe Edwards to this position. We urge full cooperation with the new Brotherhood Director.

Despite the prayers and efforts of the Missions Committee, we have been since February without a Superintendent of Missions. Let's join them in praying and searching that God would direct them to the one best suited to the position and that under his leadership, all the churches can work together to accomplish even greater things in the future.

Lucille Upton
Clerk

ADDENDUM: By Action taken on October 7 by the Executive Committee, Rev. Harold Dellinger was elected to the position of Superintendent of Missions for the South Mountain Baptist Association. This action was taken upon the recommendation of the Missions Committee and in agreement with certain previously established stipulations.

REPORT OF MISSIONS COMMITTEE

Since the resignation of Rev. Thomas Berry as our Associational Superintendent of Missions, the Missions Committee has had several meetings for the purpose of securing a Superintendent of Missions.

We have made several calls and interviews but to the date of writing this report, we do not have anyone. We ask you to pray with us about this matter.

Respectfully submitted,
G. C. Wray (Chairman)
Edsel Mull
Edna Mull
Warren Yancy
Doris Upton

ADDENDUM: The Missions Committee recommended, and stipulated some terms of agreement in connection with the position, that Rev. Harold Dellinger be considered for the Superintendent of Missions for the South Mountain Baptist Association.

N. C. BAPTIST HOMES FOR THE AGING REPORT

There has never been a year in the history of your Baptist Homes when more people have sought the services of the Homes. This has been true particularly of the aging, sick person. Almost daily, calls come from older persons and their families, inquiring about admission to one of your five resident homes and the Skilled Nursing Care Facility of the Homes.

Today there are some 21,000,000 Americans 65 and above, and this number, it is anticipated, will grow to over 300,000 a year in the years ahead. The needs of aging people are overwhelming, and we must strive diligently to meet those needs.

Although we can minister in our North Carolina Baptist Homes to only 230 persons at any given time, we have served hundreds of aging people through the twenty-four years that we have been on the scene at Resthaven, the Hayes Home, and the Nursing Care Unit, in Winston-Salem, and in our Homes at Albemarle, Hamilton, and Yanceyville. As God continues to bless us and lead us, we will make every effort to expand our ministry and to reach out and help as many older persons as possible in the years ahead. We can do this only by the grace of the Lord and by the increased concern and giving of our Baptist people.

Gifts for 1974-75 from our Baptist Churches, through the Cooperative Program and through the 3rd Sunday of February Offering for the Homes, reflect a very encouraging increase. This is great, and we are grateful especially since four out of every five persons who live in our Homes depend upon these love gifts for their care! Your love gift is a life-line to these deserving older persons, and they could not be cared for in the majority of cases, if it were not for you.

Signs on the horizon indicate that we will need greater financial support for our Homes for the Aging from our Baptist people than ever before.

The most exciting development in the family of your Baptist Homes for the past year has been the experience of obtaining one of the most beautiful locations in the Blue Ridge Mountains of North Carolina for the proposed Western North Carolina Baptist Home. This site is a twenty-one acre tract of land overlooking the city of Asheville, better known as the Pearson Estate, on Richmond Hill, in Northwest Asheville. God Himself, we feel, has guided us in discovering this beautiful site.

Plans are in the making now to raise $1,000,000 for the construction of this new proposed Western North Carolina Baptist Home. These plans initially will include 50 rooms for residents, with living room, dining room, library, chapel and activities room, and other necessary rooms. With the completion of this Home, North Carolina Baptists will be enlarging their base of ministry to almost 300 persons, and older people from Western North Carolina will have a facility to serve the hundreds in their area who will need the service of this lovely facility now and in the years to come.

Pray for the ministry of your Baptist Homes for the Aging. Give as liberally as possible that the overwhelming needs of older people in our midst might be met more adequately. Visit the

Homes and see first-hand the personal joy that your gifts bring. Know that your ministry to even one of these dear older people is a ministry as unto Christ Himself.

A Friend in Christ,
Rev. Derell Pruette

BAPTIST HOSPITAL REPORT

There have been many significant developments, in several different areas, at your Baptist Hosptial during the past year.

By the time this report is read the new ambulatory care unit will be open, making possible enlarged and improved services for the Emergency Room, Out-patient Clinics, Physical Therapy and other departments. Renovation of the West Wing will be complete and renovation on the South Wing will begin in early August. The third floor of the Progressive Care Unit has been remodeled to provide 26 beds, therapy room and other improved facilities for Psychiatric services.

The long-awaited EMI-scanner is now in use and is already proving beneficial in detecting blood clots, tumors, strokes and other abnormalities of the brain.

A Family Practice Center opened July 1, 1975 to offer more primary medical care for patients and also to provide specialized training for physicians who choose to enter Family Practice.

During the year the hospital had its biennial review by the Joint Commission on Hospital Accreditation. All areas of operation received an excellent report, but physician service, nursing service and administration all received especially high commendation.

Despite the continued rise in costs for services and materials the hospital has been able to operate in the black. The administration and department heads confer frequently and make diligent effort to see that the hospital operates as efficiently and economically as possible.

Gifts from the Baptist churches have been very gratifying. During the calendar year of 1974 the hospital received $258,898 through the Cooperative Program and $392,000 through the Mother's Day Offering. Hospital staff members have participated in Cooperative Program promotion in cooperation with the State Convention Division of Stewardship and Cooperative Program Promotion.

The Department of Pastoral Care has opened a counseling center in Raleigh, its second satellite center. Plans are developing for a third satellite in the western part of the state. The Department has established a scholarship fund as a memorial to Dr. Richard K. Young, the department's first director, who died December 31. Full re-accreditation was given the School of Pastoral Care in December by the Association of Clinical Pastoral Education.

During the past year, Mr. Reid T. Holmes retired as President of the hospital, after serving in the hospital administration for 29 years.

As you can see from the above information on our Baptist Hospital, they need our continued support through the Cooperative Program and our Mother's Day Offering. Let's make a much greater effort this next year to keep OUR Hospital operating in the black. Who knows when we may need this service.

Respectfully submitted,
Cecil Cook

IN MEMORIAM

We are spirits. It is a kind and benevolent act of God to lend us bodies that for a while afford us pleasure, assist us in acquiring knowledge, or in doing good for our fellow men. But when these bodies become unfit for these purposes and give us pain instead of pleasure, become a burden rather than an aid, and fulfill none of the intentions for which they were given, it is equally kind and benevolent that a way is provided by which we may get rid of

them. Death is that way. But is is basely wrong that we should neglect or misuse the body or time given to us to dwell in this tent of flesh, and understrike the make that measures life by years. It is foolishness to busy ourselves arranging little schemes and making plans that death will dash to pieces, when we might be building, far above any earthly dream, houses that stand forever in God's sight.

If we busy ourselves helping others and giving ourselves in the fulfillment of God's purposes for our lives, what does it matter to us who are immortals, on which side of the grave we stand? We know that what the world calls death is but the portal leading to life again.

Heaven is the soul finding its own perfect relationship to God. We have an invitation to abide always with God in this Heaven not made with hands that where He is we may be also.

Many of our number have, since our last Associational meeting, accepted God's invitation to share this habitation and we rejoice, despite grief and loneliness, in their accomplishments and contributions which made earth a better place. They now share the fulness of life for which they were created.

We were, just a few short days ago, traveling together down the road of life. According to God's plan we could not all conveniently arrive at the same time. Some have gone on before but why should we be grieved at this. They have accepted their invitation to be the guests of God. Ours is still pending.

May I close with the words of an unknown poet entitled

THE GUESTS OF GOD

From the dust.of the weary highway,
  From the smart of sorrow's rod,
Into the royal presence,
  They are bidden as guests of God.
The veil from their eyes is taken
  Sweet mysteries they are shown,
Their doubts and fears are over
  For they know as they are known.

For them there should be rejoicing,
  For them, the festal array
As for the bride in her beauty
  Whom love hath taken away,
Sweet hours of peaceful waiting
  Till the path that we have trod
Shall end at the Father's gateway.
  And we are the guests of God

Respectfully submitted,
Lucille Upton

Our Beloved Dead

ABEES CHAPEL: Mrs. Emma Lowman, Mr. Allen McClure, Mr. Sam Huffman.
BEREA: Michael Fredell.
BEULAH: Mrs. Beatrice Rhoney, Mr. Howard Mull.
CARSWELL MEMORIAL: Mr. Cassie Moore, Mr. Paul Burch (deacon).
CORINTH: Mr. Victor Hoyle, Mr. Dewitt T. Smawley, Mrs. Minnie S. Canipe.
GRACE AND TRUTH: Mr. Monroe Christopher.

MIDWAY: Mr. Oliver Icard.
MT. HEBRON: Mr. McKinley Lowman.
MT. VERNON: Mr. Dewey Crowder, Miss Juanita Parker.
OAK RIDGE: Mr. J. V. White (deacon).
PLEASANT GROVE: Mr. Willie Davis, Mr. David E. Newton.
ST. JOHNS: Mrs. Brenda Brown, Mr. Willie Tallent.
ST. PAUL: Mrs. Hattie Cook, Mr. Ghyles McNeely, Mr. T. B. Davis, Mrs. Hattie Mode, Mr. Clayton Earl, Mr. Johnnie Morrison, Mr. Jack Jones.
SHOUPS GROVE: Mrs. Mary Whisnant, Mr. Carl Moody, Mr. James Leroy Cline, Mr. Lee Cannon, Mrs. Essie Greene, Mr. Ira Hice.
SMARTS GROVE: Rev. John Abee, Mrs. Bessie Hildebran.
SOUTH FORK: Mr. Richard Davis.
ZION HILL: Mr. T. E. Mull (Deacon), Mr. Will Tallent, Mrs. Ida Huffman.
ZOAR: Mrs. Bessie Chapman.

REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Moderator. . . . . Rev. Harold Ashe
Vice Moderator. . . . . Rev. Gwyn Sullivan
Clerk. . . . . Miss Lucille Upton
Treasurer. . . . . Miss Doris Upton
Sunday School Director. . . . . Fred Sain
Church Training Director. . . . . Robert Berry
Brotherhood Director. . . . . Rev. Joe Edwards
WMU Director. . . . . Mrs. Jesse Fortenberry
R.A. Leader. . . . . Ricky Sain
Music Director. . . . . Kenneth Sain
Pianist. . . . . David Willis
Historian. . . . . Mrs. Aileen Berry

REPORTS

Public Morals. . . . . Rev. Thomas Berry
Christian Education. . . . . Rev. Cecil Buff
Foreign Missions. . . . . Rev. Robert Beck
Home Missions. . . . . Corene Johnson
State Missions. . . . . Leonard Newton
Cooperative Program. . . . . Rev. Ralph Staton
Baptist Hospital. . . . . Rev. Buren Hastings
Annuity. . . . . Rev. Edsel Mull
Religious Literature. . . . . Rev. James Bumgarner
Christian Stewardship. . . . . Robert Berry
Obituaries. . . . . Mrs. Adene Hicks
Baptist Children's Homes. . . . . Pearl Chapman
Homes for the Aging. . . . . Rev. Ray Woody
American Bible Society. . . . . Russell Huffman

Respectfully submitted,
Fred Sain
Cecil Cook
Blair Wesson
Rev. Robert Beck
Leonard Newton

BIBLICAL RECORDER REPORT

Baptist state papers claimed more attention than usual at the 1975 meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention in Miami Beach this year. In the celebration of the 50th Anniversary of the Cooperative Program, it was revealed that they had played a tremendous part in the growth of our denomination. Louie D. Newton, denominational statesman and former editor of Georgia's CHRISTIAN INDEX, introduced all the 33 editors of state papers and made a comparison of circulation of each in 1975 with that of 1925 when the Cooperative Program was born. Many were not in existence at that time, however, but this in itself reveals something of Southern Baptist growth.

THE BIBLICAL RECORDER is one of those 33 state papers, and one of the oldest, and we hope, one of the best. In spite of continued problems for religious publications because of inflation, and sky rocketting postage costs, the circulation of the RECORDER remains above 112,000. Congregations including it in their budgets for all their families are the ones which have an informed membership. It is our hope that North Carolina Churches will take seriously the recommendation reaffirmed at the Southern Baptist Convention that state papers be incorporated in local church budgets for all their member families. Already more than 1,000 churches in North Carolina are doing this, and more congregations do so each year. Pastors and deacons should initiate such action, and it should be supported by all the organizations in the church.

The BIBLICAL RECORDER has covered many sensitive issues this past year. Words of appreciation have come from Baptist people all across the state, for they are aware that "an informed people is the bulwark of Baptist democracy."

The RECORDER continues to operate on a limited budget, and with an altogether too small staff. Local churches can help us by understanding these limitations, and by renewing their subscription plans promptly. I would personally like to recommend that all churches prayerfully consider putting the RECORDER in their Budgets.

Respectfully submitted,
Thomas Berry for
Paul Crotts

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

We feel that the sixty-fifth Annual Meeting of the South Mountain Baptist Association has been a very profitable one. We are grateful to our Heavenly Father for His guidance during the past year, for His leadership in building up Christians in the faith, for the progress that has been made in each individual church and for affording us another opportunity for assembling together in love and Christian fellowship in our Association.

We appreciate the leadership of our officers, leaders and pastors in carrying forward this great work of the Lord. We pledge anew our loyal support and cooperation to our officers during the coming year in helping to promote our Father's business.

Be it resolved that we express our sincere thanks to Rev. and Mrs. Harold Dellinger for their fine work for our Association. Be it also resolved that we express our heartfelt gratitude to the Mt. Hebron and Olive Grove Churches for their very fine hospitality in providing places to meet and food for the messengers and visitors.

Respectfully submitted,
Cecil Buff
James Bradley
Fred Sain

SOUTH MOUNTAIN BAPTIST CAMP REPORT

THEME: "LOVE IN ACTION"

Thanks to God for another year of victories at South Mountain Baptist Camp. As we discussed our theme, led in worship, studied about the needs of a lost world, and God's plan for our lives, the Holy Spirit moved with great power.

Including special groups, over 4,000 attended this summer. In addition, 1,000 visitors attended at least one of our services. We averaged 236 in 11 camps. 435 attended from your association.

The Holy Spirit inspired 1440 campers to make some kind of decision for Christ: 407 of these were professions of faith. We were thrilled to present hundreds of Star and Honor Camper awards.

Our chapel was completed enough that we could use it all summer. It was a great help to us in conducting our programs.

We are grateful to churches and individuals who helped us financially on the chapel. Thanks to many who donated free labor, equipment and material. This saved us thousands of dollars. Several memorial contributions were also made which was a great help.

To date we have spent about $45,000.00 on the chapel. It will take about $5,000.00 more to finish it. We plan to finish the chapel, improve sleeping quarters, and other needed improvements. We still owe $8,000.00 on the chapel.

We need 50 more churches to include the camp in their budget. Some churches are assuming the responsibility of improving and maintaining a cabin.

We need a storage-workshop building 30 feet by 40 feet.

Our camp is available for church picnics, day camps, and retreats during the fall and early spring.

Our camp is becoming more popular each year. Because of this fact, I urge you to make reservations early next year so you will not be left out.

Respectfully submitted,
T. A. Lineberger

STATE MISSIONS REPORT

Southern Baptists' compassion for world missions must also include the real needs of our own counties and state. State and associational missions are indeed part of the world mission imperative. Without neglecting distant lands, we must continue to build a strong state missions program throughout North Carolina.

State missions can be divided into two major categories: (1) STRENGTHENING ministries and (2) LENGTHENING ministries.

Strengthening ministries help develop local church organizations such as Sunday School, WMU, Church Training, Brotherhood, etc. These programs enable local churches to realize their own mission potential. Workshops, seminars, and conferences are conducted throughout the year for the development of local church programs.

The second type of state missions are those ministries that lengthen the local church's witness. These are cooperative efforts requiring the resources of more than one church or association. Examples of these programs are resort missions, deaf ministries, chaplaincy ministries, city and metropolitan missions, church loans and lot aid, seminary extension, migrant missions, etc. Many of these ministries are co-sponsored by district associations and the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board.

All state mission ministries are in some way cooperative efforts of local churches and associations. Church and associational development, in fact, is one of the primary goals of state missions in North Carolina. The purpose is to build strong "mission stations" across the state as a foundation for the overall support of world missions, Christian education, and benevolences.

State Missions in North Carolina is supported by the Cooperative Program and the annual State Missions Offering in September.

Respectfully submitted,
Ralph Staton

STEWARDSHIP
SOUTH MOUNTAIN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
COOPERATIVE PROGRAM RECEIPTS

Cooperative Program gifts actually received by the business office of Baptist State Convention of North Carolina for the period listed below. These gifts are divided among all work of the denomination.

Special offerings from the churches are not included in these figures. Check with your church records and please report any difference to the Business Office, P.O. Box 26508, Raleigh, N.C. 27611.

JUNE 30, 1975

CHURCHES	CURRENT QUARTER	TO DATE ABOVE	TO THIS DATE LAST YEAR	GOAL-% OF CH. BUDGET
SOUTH MOU				
Abee's Chapel	.00	.00	100.00	.198%
Berea	1,540.48	2,647.89	3,815.94	14.000%
Beulah	.00	.00	.00	2.000%
Carswell Memorial	45.00	75.00	30.00	
Corinth	150.00	250.00	270.00	
Drowning Creek	.00	.00	.00	
Faith Olive	20.55	32.55	15.00	
Grace and Truth	.00	.00	.00	
Hildebran View	.00	.00	.00	
Hoyle Memorial	.00	.00	.00	
Midway	.00	.00	31.99	
Mt. Calvary	.00	.00	.00	
Mt. Gilead	.00	.00	.00	
Mt. Hebron	769.20	2,019.15	1,560.00	12.000%
Mt. Vernon	751.57	1,518.06	1,385.84	15.000%
Mt. Zion	.00	50.00	.00	6.000%
Mull's Chapel	.00	.00	.00	
Oak Ridge	.00	.00	1,940.00	8.000%
Olive Grove	.00	.00	.00	
Philadelphia	27.00	27.00	.00	
Pisgah	431.25	431.25	431.25	10.000%
Pleasant Grove	.00	.00	.00	
St. John's	.00	.00	.00	
St. Paul	214.34	214.34	106.85	
Shoup's Grove	225.00	450.00	450.00	5.000%
Smarts Grove	.00	.00	.00	
South Fork	250.11	454.46	345.19	7.000%
Tabernacle	.00	.00	.00	
Walker's Chapel	.00	.00	.00	
Wilkies Grove	1,152.84	1,776.73	1,758.22	

Zion Hill	479.27	479.27	1,007.46	10.000%
Zoar	.00	.00	.00	
Other Than Church	.00	.00	.00	
TOTAL	6,056.61	10,425.70	13,247.74	

TIME, PLACE AND PREACHER

Time: October 14-15, 1976
Place: Thursday—Mt. Vernon Baptist Church
Friday—Berea Baptist Church

Preachers: Thursday—Rev. Cecil Buff
Alternate—Rev. Thomas Berry

Friday—Rev. Harold Ashe
Alternate—Rev. Ray Woody

SOUTH MOUNTAIN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION FINANCIAL REPORT

9-1-74 to 8-31-75

BALANCE ON HAND 9-1-74		$2,147.86
RECEIPTS		
Miscellaneous	$1,217.07	
Baptist State Convention	1,104.00	
Abee's Chapel	295.00	
Berea	941.90	
Beulah	120.00	
Carswell Memorial	175.00	
Corinth	350.00	
Drowning Creek	73.00	
Faith Olive	32.95	
Grace and Truth	6.25	
Hildebran View	10,00	
Laurel Haven	25.00	
Mt. Calvary	10.00	
Mt. Gilead	15.00	
Mt. Hebron	557.50	
Mt. Vernon	1,099.11	
Mt. Zion	22.50	
Mull's Chapel	50.00	
Oak Ridge	400.00	
Olive Grove	71.25	
Philadelphia	216.38	
Pisgah	135.00	
Pleasant Grove	30.00	
St. John's	100.00	
St. Paul's	30.00	
Shoup's Grove	217.50	
Smart's Grove	100.00	
South Fork	598.75	
Walker's Chapel	20.00	

Wilkie's Grove	1,919.48	
Zion Hill	858.37	
Zoar	15.00	
Total Receipts	$10,816.01	
BALANCE ON HAND AND RECEIPTS		$12,963.87
EXPENSES		
Missionary's Salary	$2,879.97	
Missionary's Expense	183.30	
Missionary's Retirement	533.42	
Missionary's Health Benefit	166.57	
Missionary's Utilities	175.00	
Secretary's Salary	135.00	
Sunday School Directors' Comp.	100.00	
Miscellaneous Supplies	88.61	
Postage	75.00	
Sunday School	18.46	
W.M.U.	100.00	
Minutes	371.40	
Vacation Bible School	57.50	
Evangelism	103.91	
South Mountain Camp	50.00	
Clerk's Compensation	200.00	
Treasurer's Compensation	200.00	
Training at Ridgecrest	3.00	
Associational Speaker's Fee	12.00	
Telephone	229.46	
Missionary's Christmas Gift	50.00	
Electricity	89.44	
Fuel	182.23	
Church Adm. Conference-Pastors	17.00	
Office Unit Payments	913.44	
Insurance	27.00	
Pump	153.92	
Miscellaneous	23.92	
Total Expense	$7,139.55	
BALANCE ON HAND 8-31-75		$5,824.32

Respectfully submitted,
Doris Upton

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

Our records show that for 1974-75, there were sixteen churches with Woman's Missionary Organizations in them. There were:

Five Baptist Young Women Organizations
Ten with Acteen Organizations
Ten with Girls in Action Organizations
Nine with Mission Friends Organizations

Also there was an organization of Girls in Action at the South Fork Church started this year.

We are praying that the year ahead will see much more accomplished for Christ through WMU work in our association.

All the youth and women in all the churches need to be active in mission work through the WMU organizations. They need to be learning about mission work and mission needs around the world. If they never know they will never become concerned, and if they are never concerned, they will never do anything about these needs.

Woman's Missionary Union offers us the greatest challenge on earth: that of helping to bring the lost to Christ, beginning where we are and going to the far ends of the earth. We must share the gospel of Christ by teaching missions, praying for missions, and giving to missions, and above all we must be busy in missions work in our own communities.

It takes work, faith, prayer, patience, and perseverance to keep WMU work alive in the church. But it is worth the effort if we can make people aware of the importance of sharing the gospel with the whole world.

Our associational WMU Spring meeting was held at the Zion Hill Church in April. The attendance was good and many of the youth organizations had active parts on the program. We are proud of their participation.

The Workshop for church WMU leaders was held at Carswell Memorial Church on September 23. Conference leaders attended Fruitland in August and are as follows:

WMU Directors: Mrs. Jesse, Fortenberry
Mrs. Frank Hicks
Baptist Women Director: Mrs. Verona McNeilly
BYW Director: Mrs. Edsel Mull
Acteens Director: Mrs. G. C. Wray
G. A. Director: Mrs. Grady Propst
Mission Friends Director: Mrs. Thomas Berry

Let us pray that the women and youth of our association will go forward in the year ahead to minister and witness in the name of Christ.

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. Jesse Fortenberry

ORGANISTS
(or Pianist If No Organist)

Abee's Chapel..... Gail Duckworth, Box 27, Valdese, 28690
Berea..... Mrs. James Well, Box 311, Icard, 28666
Beulah..... Mrs. Danny Young, Rt. 3, Vale, 28168
Carswell Memorial..... Mrs. Debbie Serra, Rt. 11, Box 477B, Morganton, 28655
Corinth..... Mrs. Bobbie Botts, Rt. 1, Casar, 28020
Drowning Creek..... Mrs. Shirley Berry, Connelly Springs, 28612
Faith Olive..... Mrs. Louise Bowman, Rt. 8, Box 430, Hickory, 28601
Grace and Truth.....
Hildebran View..... Addie Hudson, Hickory, 28601
Hoyle Memorial..... Sanford Burns, Rt. 1, Box 131, Conn. Sp., 28612
Laurel Haven..... Mrs. Mary Ellen Callendar, Box 404, Rutherford College, 28671
Midway..... Mrs. Connie Wright, Rt. 2, Box 595D, Conn. Sp. 28612
Mt. Calvary..... Belinda Lowman, Rt. 1, Connelly Springs, 28612
Mt. Gilead..... Mrs. Mary McNeilly, Rt. 4, Morganton, 28655
Mt. Hebron..... Mrs. Mavin Carswell, Rt. 3, Connelly Spr., 28612
Mt. Vernon..... Miss Sue Burton, Rt. 2, Vale, 28168
Mt. Zion..... Libby Angel, Rt. 1, Casar, 28020
Mulls Chapel..... Mrs. Addie McClurd, 813 Rosten St., Valdese 28690
Oak Ridge..... Mrs. Lydia Pierce
Olive Grove..... Mrs. Eva Walker, Rt. 1, Casar, 28020
Philadelphia..... Mrs. Marilyn Brittain, Rt. 1, Connelly Sp., 28612
Pisgah..... Kenneth Beam, Rt. 1, Casar, 28020
Pleasant Grove..... Mrs. Hubert Lindsay, Rt. 4, Box 318, Morganton, 28655

St. Johns. . . . . Sylvia Willis, Rt. 4, Hickory, 28601
St. Paul. . . . . Bentha Cook, Rt. 1, Casar, 28020
Shoups Grove. . . . . Mrs. Elsie Childers, Rt. 3, Box 290, Conn. Sp. 28612
Smarts Grove. . . . . Barbara Tallant, Rt. 1, Box 124H, Conn. Sp. 28612
South Fork. . . . . Mrs. Sherry Huffman, Rt. 1, Box 106, Conn. Sp., 28612
Tabernacle. . . . . Mrs. Marie Towery, Rt. 1, Lawndale, 28090
Walkers Chapel. . . . . Blaka Bradley, Rt. 4, Morganton, 28655
Wilkies Grove. . . . . Mrs. Susan Ross, Rt. 4, Hickory, 28601
Zion Hill. . . . . David Willis, Rt. 3, Vale, 28168
Zoar. . . . . Brenda Chapman, Rt. 1, Casar, 28020

ORDAINED MINISTERS

Abee's Chapel. . . . . Mack Hodge, Rt. 3, Box 627, Spruce Pine, 28777
Ralph Abee, Rt. 1, Connelly Springs, 28612
Berea. . . . . Paul Robinson, Box 175, Connelly Springs, 28612
Mt. Vernon. . . . . Ford Houser, Rt. 2, Vale, 28168
David C. Wesson, Rt. 2, Vale, 28168
Olive Grove. . . . . Tonnie Hull, Rt. 1, Casar, 28020
St. Paul. . . . . R. A. Brackett, Rt. 3, Lawndale, 28090
Smarts Grove. . . . . M. M. Smart, Rt. 3, Box 850, Connelly Springs, 28612
South Fork. . . . . George Huffman, Jr., Box 823, Hildebran, 28637
Sonny Powell, Gen. Del., Valdese, 28690
Zion Hill. . . . . T. A. Lineberger, Rt. 1, Connelly Springs, 28612
Zoar. . . . . J. C. Spake, Rt. 1, Casar, 28020

LICENSED MINISTERS

Grace and Truth. . . . . Jesse Paysour, Newton
Hoyle Memorial. . . . . Robert Price, Rt. 3, Lawndale, 28090
Olive Grove. . . . . Donald E. Morrison, Rt. 3, Lawndale, 28090
St. Johns. . . . . Jimmy Brittain, Rt. 1, Connelly Springs, 28612
St. Paul. . . . . Roy Hastings, Rt. 3, Lawndale, 28090
Shoups Grove. . . . . Jerry Patton, Rt. 7, Hickory, 28601
Dale Patton, Rt. 7, Hickory, 28601
Harold Frank Ashe, Box 240, Icard
Smarts Grove. . . . . Billy Mace, Rt. 4, Box 402, Morganton, 28655
South Fork. . . . . Mickey Propst, Rt. 4, Hickory, 28601

SPECIAL NOTES

Mr. Ray Weaver was ordained as a Deacon at Midway.
Rev. Clyde Houston was ordained to assume the pastorate of Laurel Haven.
Tabernacle members paneled and air conditioned their church.
Zion Hill church dedicated the Fellowship Building, installed new lights in the sanctuary and dedicated the church bus.

Statistical Tables

TABLE A CHURCH MEMBERSHIP AND OTHER INFORMATION 1975

Association: SOUTH MOUNTAIN
State: NORTH CAROLINA
Associational Clerk: MISS LUCILLE UPTON
Address: Rt. 2, Box 308 City: Vale State: North Carolina Zip: 28168

CHURCHES	PASTORS & ADDRESSES	County	Year organized as a church	Location	Services held twice on Sunday? Y	Services held twice on Sunday? N	Total Baptisms	Other additions (by letter, statement, etc.)	Members lost (by letter, death, statement, etc.)	Present resident members	Present nonresident members	Grand total present members	No. members received from non Baptist Churches	No. members lost to non-Baptist Churches	Value of pastor's home if owned by the church	Value of church property including pastor's home	Total church debt at end of this associational year
		3	4	5			13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	25	26	27
Abee's Chapel	Buren Hastings, Box 157, Valdese 28690	Burke	1886	1	x		5	17	13	271	86	357	0	0	40000	110000	0
Berea	Gwyn P. Sullivan, Rt. 2, Box 1098, Connelly Springs 28612	Burke	1947	1	x		25	6	29	365	25	390	0	2	30000	192000	60781
Beulah	Darrell Pruette, Rt. 2, Vale 28168	Cat.	1905	1	x		1	0	8	94	56	150	0	1		75000	0
Carswell Memorial	G. C. Wray, Rt. 2, Box 594, Valdese 28690	Burke	1938	1	x		1	1	7	118	6	124	0	0		60000	0
Corinth	Cecil Buff, Box 576, Lawndale 28090	Cleve.	1884	1		x	13	5	8	278	33	311	0	0		105000	0
Drowning Creek	Norris Brittain, Rt. 3, Box 526, Conn. Sp. 28612	Burke	1952	1	x		0	12	1	20	28	48	0	0			0
Faith Olive	Barry Lafone, Rt. 2, Box 109, Hickory 28601	Cat.	1965	2	x		1	5	0	69	27	96	0	0		50000	2000
Grace and Truth	Lewis Travis, Box 237, Catawba 28609	Burke	1955	1	x		0	3	3	17	23	40	0	0		5000	0
Hildebran View	Stanley T. Brittain, Rt. 1, Box 273, Conn. Sp. 28612	Burke					4	1	1				0	0			
Hoyle Memorial	Tonnie Hull, Rt. 1, Casar 28020	Cleve.	1967	1	x		0	2	1	34	11	45	0	0		12700	0
Laurel Haven	Clyde T. Houston, Box 3, Icard 28666	Burke	1971	1	x		2	5	0	19	0	19	0	0		5000	0
Midway	Lex Wright, Rt. 8, Box 646, Hickory 28601	Burke	1956	1	x		5	4	9	130	7	137	0	0		47500	0
Mount Calvary	Cecil McKinney, Rt. 4, Box 740, Hickory 28601	Burke	1952	1	x		10	1	3	128	0	128	0	0		40000	0
Mount Gilead	Ottis Cook, Rt. 1, Casar 28020	Burke	1830	1		x	13	3	3	112	48	160	0	0		20500	0
Mount Hebron		Burke	1870	1		x	5	2	9	247	87	334	0	1	8000	43000	0
Mount Vernon		Linc.	1840	1	x		5	2	7	235	91	326	0	0	20000	220000	0
Mount Zion	Z. W. Settlemyer, Box 296, Cherryville 28021	Cleve.	1848	1		x	0	0	0	50	133	183	3	0		22000	0
Mulls Chapel	Steve Hardin, Rt. 1, Box 149A, Connelly Sp. 28612	Cat.	1871	1			3	4	3	100	25	125	0	0	24000	80000	290
Oak Ridge	Edsel Mull, Rt. 2, Box 1040 Conn. Sp. 28612	Burke	1943	1	x		6	12	4	212	118	330	0	1	30000	130000	0
Olive Grove	Robert L. Beck, Rt. 1, Casar 28020	Cleve.	1884	1		x	14	1	7	202	74	276	0	1	25000	60000	0
Philadelphia	Harold Dellinger, Rt. 1, Box 305, Shelby 28150	Burke	1952	1		x	4	2	8	74	45	119	0	1		60000	0
Pisgah	Joe R. Edwards, Rt. 1, Casar 28020	Cleve.	1840	1		x	7	3	5	168	28	196	0	0	12000	75000	0
Pleasant Grove	John H. Smart, Rt. 1, Box 347, Conn. Spr. 28612	Burke	1876	1		x	3	1	7	129	14	143	0	0		52800	0
St. Johns		Burke	1842	1		x	8	1	9	180	16	196	1	2	35000	85000	0
St. Paul	Wayne Floyd, Rt. 1, Casar 28020	Cleve.	1860	1	x		0	0	13	274	163	437	0	1	34000	150000	16008
Shoup's Grove	R. Harold Ashe, Box 240, Icard 28666	Burke	1892	1	x		2	4	28	265	39	304	0	1	25000	125000	23417
Smarts Grove	Finley McCoury, Rt. 3, Box 855, Connelly Sp. 28612	Burke	1935	1	x		8	6	4	100	80	180	0	0	40000	60000	0
South Fork	Ray Woody, Rt. 4, Box 777K, Hickory 28601	Burke	1937	1	x		3	10	9	155	20	175	0	1	16000	74000	0
Tabernacle	John Glover, Rt. 1, Casar 28020	Cleve.	1970	1	x		2	2	0	40	0	40	0	0		10000	500
Walkers Chapel	Harold Kanupp, Rt. 3, Box 888, Connelly Spr. 28612	Burke	1915	1		x	3	8	2	109	0	109	0	0		18500	0
Wilkies Grove	Ralph Staton, Rt. 4, Box 470, Hickory 28601	Burke	1896	1	x		9	11	13	236	39	275	0	0	25000	200000	28600
Zion Hill	Thomas Berry, Rt. 3, Lawndale 28090	Cleve.	1859	1		x	1	6	12	272	53	325	0	0	25000	100000	0
Zoar	Jerry Blanton, Rt. 1, Casar 28020	Cleve.	1937	1		x	8	4	4	68	37	105	0	0		70000	0
	TOTALS						180	144	230	4771	1412	6183	5	13	389000	2358000	131596

TABLE B THE SUNDAY SCHOOL 1975

Association: SOUTH MOUNTAIN
State: NORTH CAROLINA
Associational Sunday School Director: FRED SAIN
Address: Rt. 1 City: Connelly Springs State: North Carolina Zip: 28612

CHURCHES	SUNDAY SCHOOL DIRECTORS & ADDRESSES	53 Cradle Roll enrolment (under 2 years of age)	54 Preschool enrolment (Birth through 5 years)	55 Children enrolment (6-11 years or grades 1-6)	56 Youth enrolment (12-17 years or grades 7-12)	57 Young Adult enrolment Single (18-29 years or H. S. graduation through 29 years)	58 Young Adult enrolment Married (18-29 years or H. S. graduation through 29 years)	59 Adult enrolment (30-59 years)	60 Senior Adult enrolment (60 and over)	61 Adults Away enrolment	62 Homebound Units enrolment	63 General officers enrolment	64 Enrolment of mission(s) of church	65 Total ongoing Sunday School enrolment	66 Average weekly Sunday School attendance	67 Number of Bible Study groups	68 Bible Study groups enrolment	69 Weekday Bible Study enrolment	70 Church V. B. S. enrolment	71 Mission V. B. S. enrolment	72 Total V. B. S. enrolment
Abee's Chapel	Delkie Mourglea, Jr., Rt. 1, Box 358C, Conn. Sp. 28612	13	19	14	55	32	0	54	59	0	0	20	0	266	230	0	0	0	114	0	114
Berea	Charlie Townsend, Rt. 3, Box 506, Conn. Sp. 28612	0	51	60	53	8	34	40	30	3	0	4	0	283	174	0	0	0	143	0	143
Beulah	Evan Rhoney, Rt. 3, Vale 28168	7	9	15	4	12	17	16	12	0	0	2	0	94	74	0	0	0	82	0	82
Carswell Memorial	Henry Carswell, Rt. 11, Box 477B, Morganton 28655	0	18	21	9	7	12	30	12	0	0	3	0	112	74	0	0	0	86	0	86
Corinth	Bobby Downs, Rt. 1, Casar 28020	5	17	14	44	13	46	27	52	0	0	1	0	219	150	0	0	0	104	0	104
Drowning Creek	Bill Boughman, Rt. 4, Box 739 Hickory 28601	1	3	5	11	12	2	20	0	0	0	3	0	57	23	0	12	0	115	0	115
Faith Olive	Grady Allen, Rt. 8, Box 490, Hickory 28601	4	6	23	13	5	10	28	4	0	0	0	0	93	57	●	41	0	86	0	86
Grace and Truth	Willie VanHorn, Jr., Rt. 7, Box 574A, Hickory 28601	0	1	1	3	4	2	13	5	0	0	0	0	29	15	1	21	0	0	0	0
Hildebran View	Keith Timothy Brittain, Rt. 1, Box 273, Conn. Sp. 28612	9	0	7	15	0	14	10	0	0	0	0	0	55	40	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hoyle Memorial	Robert Hoyle, Rt. 3, Lawndale 28090	3	4	11	3	3	4	5	3	0	0	0	0	36	36	0	0	0	49	0	49
Laurel Haven	Jerry Crisco, Box 823, Valdese 28690	0	0	2	2	3	4	6	3	0	1	0	0	21	15	0	0	0	17	0	17
Midway	Joseph Beaver, Rt. 7, Box 5, Hickory 28601	0	10	14	12	5	18	18	4	2	0	3	0	80	53	0	0	0	50	0	50
Mount Calvary	Arthur Franklin, Rt. 3, Box 774, Conn. Sp. 28612	4	7	12	25	10	10	17	3	0	0	0	0	88	64	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mount Gilead	Walter Smith, Rt. 1, Conn. Sp. 28612	2	13	17	16	20	10	14	12	0	1	7	0	112	70	0	0	0	40	0	40
Mount Hebron	Maynard Taylor, Rt. 3, Box 639, Conn. Sp. 28612	5	38	48	28	13	0	39	35	0	5	5	0	216	135	0	0	0	109	0	109
Mount Vernon	Arnold Sain, Rt. 2, Vale 28168	0	7	25	31	15	15	60	30	0	8	6	0	197	131	1	20	0	68	0	68
Mount Zion	Richard Anderson, Rt. 1, Casar 28020	0	2	11	12	10	6	9	0	0	1	0	0	51	30	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mulls Chapel	Earnest Rhoney, Rt. 1, Conn. Sp. 28612	0	16	8	22	8	12	23	9	0	0	0	0	98	64	0	0	0	57	0	57
Oak Ridge	Robert Childers, Rt. 2, Box 340, Conn. Sp. 28612	0	47	54	69	0	19	61	28	0	0	4	0	276	191	0	0	0	160	0	160
Olive Grove	Hazel Walker, Rt. 1, Casar 28020	0	21	29	28	13	40	30	0	0	0	3	0	164	109	0	0	0	94	0	94
Philadelphia	Billie Lowman, Rt. 1, Box 288, Conn. Sp. 28612	0	10	11	16	1	6	25	4	0	0	4	0	77	54	0	0	0	46	0	46
Pisgah	J. C. Cook, Rt. 1, Casar 28020	7	15	16	29	14	8	15	12	0	0	4	0	120	85	0	0	0	90	0	90
Pleasant Grove	Carl W. Powell, Rt. 4, Box 312A, Morganton 28655	0	12	28	20	0	22	38	10	0	0	0	0	130	76	1	30	0	58	0	58
St. Johns	Donald Hoyle, Rt. 8, Box 444, Hickory 28601	9	21	12	28	0	19	37	20	0	0	0	0	146	120	0	0	0	64	0	64
St. Paul	Max Cook, Rt. 1, Casar 28020	0	27	35	26	0	24	38	28	0	0	6	0	184	135	0	0	0	79	0	79
Shoups Grove	Everette Townsend, Gen. Del., Hildebran 28637	0	28	44	48	9	82	0	32	0	0	8	0	251	134	0	0	0	148	0	148
Smarts Grove	Larry Harmon, Rt. 4, Box 387, Morganton 28655	9	14	17	18	8	37	34	18	0	0	1	0	156	100	●	0	0	76	0	76
South Fork	Neil Abernethy, Rt. 4, Box 790, Hickory 28601	13	6	47	7	17	18	21	0	0	0	6	0	135	118	0	0	0	153	0	153
Tabernacle	Paul Navey, Rt. 5, Box 252, Shelby 28150	0	7	9	10	0	10	2	2	0	0	0	0	40	26	0	0	0	25	0	25
Walkers Chapel	Shub Carswell, Rt. 4, Morganton 28655	2	9	14	25	9	11	27	18	0	0	0	0	115	67	0	0	0	45	0	45
Wilkies Grove	Donald Brittain, Rt. 4 Hickory 28601	0	30	45	38	16	25	80	20	0	0	6	0	260	159	1	8	0	93	0	93
Zion Hill	Warren Yancey, Rt. 3, Lawndale 28090	6	34	32	32	40	30	61	29	0	0	3	0	267	163	0	0	0	78	0	78
Zoar	Dean Cook, Rt. 1, Casar 28020	1	5	5	3	1	20	12	6	0	0	0	0	53	45	0	0	0	50	0	50
	TOTALS	100	507	706	755	308	581	910	494	5	16	99	0	4481	3017	7	133	0	2379	0	2379

TABLE C TRAINING UNION 1975

Association: SOUTH MOUNTAIN

State: NORTH CAROLINA

Associational Training Union Director: ROBERT BERRY

Address: Rt. 2, Box 955-V4 City: Connelly Springs State: North Carolina Zip: 28612

CHURCHES	TRAINING UNION DIRECTORS & ADDRESSES	73 Preschool enrolment (5 years and under–not in school)	74 Children enrolment (6-11 years or grades 1-6)	75 Youth enrolment (12-17 years or grades 7-12)	76 Young Adult enrolment (18-29 years or H.S. graduation through 29 years)	77 Adult enrolment (30-59 years)	78 Senior Adult enrolment (60 and over)	79 General officers enrolment	80 Enrolment of mission(s) of church	81 Total Training Union ongoing enrolment	82 Average weekly Church Training attendance	83 New Member Registration: Children	84 New Member Registration: Youth	85 New Member Registration: Adult	86 Church Leader Training Registration	87 Short Term Member Training Project Registration
Berea	Robert Berry, Rt. 2, Box 955-V4, Connelly Springs 28612	40	41	26	29	41	0	2	0	179	89	4	5	9	0	0
Beulah	Mrs. Kenneth Rhoney, Rt. 3, Vale 28168	5	3	5	5	8	5	1	0	32	23	0	0	0	0	0
Carswell Memorial	Fred Butler, Rt. 11, Box 477, Morganton 28655	4	6	11	8	12	3	1	0	45	26	0	0	0	0	0
Midway	Mrs. Phyllis Weaver, Rt. 2, Box 637, Conn. Spr. 28612	2	3	6	1	12	0	2	6	32	15	0	0	0	0	0
Mount Hebron	Philip Taylor, Rt. 3, Box 622, Connelly Spr. 28612	6	4	6	16	14	12	1	0	59	49	0	0	0	0	0
Mount Vernon	Dale Wise, Rt. 4, Vale 28168	3	13	10	18	14	3	3	0	64	31	0	0	0	0	0
Oak Ridge	Clyde Foster, Rt. 7, Hickory 28601	11	19	28	17	17	7	2	0	101	52	7	1	1	0	0
Pisgah	Rev. Joe Edwards, Rt. 1, Casar 28020	3	5	15	7	14	2	0	0	46	35	0	0	0	0	0
St. Paul	Bentha Cook, Rt. 1, Casar 28020	10	10	21	22	17	0	2	0	82	60	0	0	0	0	0
Shoups Grove	Billy Gragg, Rt. 1, Box 47A, Connelly Springs 28612	5	24	9	0	41	0	4	0	83	50	0	0	0	0	0
Wilkies Grove	Mrs. Frances Melton, Rt. 8, Box 308, Hickory 28601	12	15	9	13	42	0	3	0	94	25	0	0	0	0	0
Zion Hill	Gary Brackett, Rt. 3, Lawndale 28090	8	6	10	12	32	4	2	0	74	43	0	0	0	0	0
	TOTALS	109	149	156	148	264	36	23	6	891	498	11	1	1	0	0

TABLE D CHURCH MUSIC 1975

Association: SOUTH MOUNTAIN

State: NORTH CAROLINA

Associational Music Director: KENNETH SAIN

Address: Rt. 2 | City: Vale | State: North Carolina | Zip: 28168

CHURCHES	MUSIC DIRECTORS & ADDRESSES	88 Preschool enrolment (4-5 years)	89 Children enrolment (6-11 years or grades 1-6)	90 Youth enrolment (12-17 years or grades 7-12)	91 Adult enrolment (18 and over)	92 Handbell ringers enrolment	93 Vocal ensemble enrolment	94 Instrumental ensembles enrolment	95 General music leaders enrolment	96 Enrolment of mission(s) of church	97 Total ongoing church music enrolment	98 Average weekly church music attendance	99 Church music study group enrolment
Abees Chapel	Ronder Crawford, Rt. 1, Box 42, Valdese 28690	8	0	30	40	0	0	0	8	0	86	70	0
Berea	Robert Berry, Rt. 2, Box 955-V4, Conn. Sp. 28612	6	12	12	20	0	0	0	4	0	54	12	0
Beulah	Brenda Whisnant, Rt. 3, Vale 28168												
Carswell Memorial	Rick Sain, Rt. 1, Box 229L,Conn. Sp. 28612	0	2	2	18	0	0	0	0	0	22	18	0
Corinth	Mrs. Debbie Newton, Rt.1 Casar 28020	0	9	10	16	0	0	0	0	0	35	20	0
Drowning Creek	Bill Boughman, Rt. 4, Box 739, Hickory 28601												
Faith Olive	Mrs. Geraldine Hudspeth, Rt. 8, Box 455, Hickory 28601	0	6	4	8	0	0	0	0	0	18	18	18
Grace and Truth	Patsy VanHorn, Rt. 7, Box 574A, Hickory 28601								3		3		
Hildebran View	Mrs. Henry L. Lowman, Rt. 1, Box 273A, Conn. Sp. 28612												
Hoyle Memorial	Sanford Burns, Rt.1, Box 131, Conn. Sp. 28612												
Laurel Haven	Mrs. Jim Howell, Rt. 4, Box 409X, Morganton 28655												
Midway	Mrs. Dorothy Beaver, Rt. 7, Box 5, Hickory 28601	1	4	17	15	0	0	0	2	30	39	30	0
Mt. Calvary	Mrs. Bobbie McKinney, Rt. 4, Box 740, Hickory 28601	6	11	20	4	0	0	0	2	0	43	40	0
Mt. Gilead	Ruthie Parker, Rt. 1, Conn. Sp. 28612												
Mt. Hebron	Harry Mull, Rt. 4, Box 829, Hickory 28601	0	25	15	27	0	0	0	3	0	70	53	0
Mt. Vernon	Omar Hoyle, Rt. 2, Vale 28168	0	9	10	20	0	7	0	2	0	48	25	0
Mt. Zion													
Mulls Chapel	Della Hudson, Rt. 3, Vale 28168												
Oak Ridge	Terry Childers, Box 205, Rhodhiss	0	0	0	25	0	0	3	2	0	30	15	0
Olive Grove	Mrs. Daphene McNeilly, Rt. 1, Casar 28020												
Philadelphia	Alvin Brittain, 1011 30th St., S. W. Hickory 28601												
Pisgah	Mrs. Robert Beam, Rt. 1,Casar 28020	0	6	10	13	0	0	0	2	0	31	31	0
Pleasant Grove	Hubert H. Lindsay, Rt. 4, Box 318, Morganton 28655												
St. Johns	Mrs. Betty Huffman, Rt. 1, Conn. Sp. 28612												
St. Paul	Claude Cook, Rt. 1, Casar 28020	0	4	20	20	0	0	0	5	0	49	22	0
Shoups Grove	Mrs. Callie Townsend, Gen. Del., Hildebran 28637	0	6	20	15	0	0	3	2	0	46	40	0
Smarts Grove	Alberta Crawley, Rt. 3, Box 855H, Conn. Sp. 28612												
South Fork	Gary Woody, Rt. 4, Box 777K, Hickory 28601	0	7	6	23	0	0	0	0	0	36	25	0
Tabernacle	Mrs. Mae Tessneer, Rt. 1, Box 278,Vale 28168	0	6	3	0	0	0	0	2	0	11	11	0
Walkers Chapel	J. C. Bradley, Rt. A, Morganton 28655												
Wilkies Grove	Allen Good, Side Estates, Hildebran 28637	0	0	15	28	0	0	0	1	0	44	30	0
Zion Hill	Kenneth F. Sain, Rt. 2, Vale 28168	0	6	12	14	0	0	0	3	0	35	25	0
Zoar		4	4	1	12	0	0	0	2	0	23	20	0
	TOTALS	25	117	207	318	0	7	3	41	30	723	592	18

TABLE E WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION 1975

Association: SOUTH MOUNTAIN
State: NORTH CAROLINA
Associational WMU Director: MRS. JESSE FORTENBERRY
Address: Box 751 City: Hickory State: North Carolina Zip: 28601

CHURCHES	WMU DIRECTORS & ADDRESSES	100 Mission Friends (5 years and under—not in school)	101 Girls in Action (6-11 years or grades 1-6)	102 Acteens (12-17 years or grades 7-12)	103 Baptist Young Women (18-29 years or H.S. graduation through 29 years)	104 Baptist Women (30 and over)	105 Mission(s) of church	106 Total number of organizations	107 Mission Friends (5 years and under—not in school)	108 Girls in Action (6-11 years or grades 1-6)	109 Acteens (12-17 years or grades 7-12)	110 Baptist Young Women (18-29 years or H.S. graduation through 29 years)	111 Baptist Women (30 and over)	112 WMU officers	113 Mission(s) of church	114 Total WMU ongoing enrolment
		Number of Organizations							Enrolment							
Abees Chapel	Mildred Crawford, Rt. 1, Box 42, Valdese 28690	1	1	1	1	1	0	5	6	10	12	8	15	2	0	53
Berea	Mrs. Charlie Townsend, Rt. 3, Box 506, Conn. Sp. 28612	1	1	1	0	1	0	4	8	5	5	0	13	3	0	34
Beulah	Mrs. Linda Peeler, Rt. 3, Lawndale 28090	0	0	1	0	1	0	2	0	0	11	0	12	4	0	27
Carswell Memorial	Mrs. Fred Butler, Rt. 11, Box 477, Morganton 28655	1	1	1	0	1	0	4	4	4	8	0	8	3	0	27
Corinth	Mrs. Mildred McNeilly, Rt. 1, Casar 28020	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	8	4	0	12
Midway	Mrs. Connie Wright, Rt. 2, Box 595D, Conn. Sp. 28612	1	1	1	0	1	0	4	1	4	5	5	11	6	0	32
Mt. Calvary	Mrs. Bobbie McKinney, Rt. 4, Box 740, Hickory 28601	1	1	1	1	1	0	5	3	5	15	6	10	8	0	47
Mt. Gilead	Mrs. Barbara Smith, Rt. 1, Connelly Springs 28612	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	6	3	0	9
Mt. Hebron	Mrs. Shirley Taylor, Rt. 3, Box 639, Conn. Sp. 28612	1	1	0	1	1	0	4	12	13	0	13	7	7	0	52
Mt. Vernon	Mrs. Howard Wise, Rt. 4, Vale 28168	1	1	1	0	1	0	4	4	10	8	0	18	2	0	42
Oak Ridge	Mrs. Sue Evans, Rt. 2, Connelly Springs 28612	1	1	1	1	1	0	5	14	18	20	6	9	0	0	67
Pisgah	Mrs. Don Elliott, Rt. 1, Casar 28020	1	0	1	0	1	0	3	8	0	18	0	5	2	0	33
St. Johns	Mrs. Brenda Hingardner, Rt. 4, Hickory 28601	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	19	0	0	19
St. Paul	Mrs. Lissie Willis, Rt. 3, Lawndale 28090	1	1	1	0	1	0	4	3	3	11	0	12	5	0	34
Shoups Grove	Mrs. Selma Ledford, 12 28th, St., NW, Hickory 28601	1	1	1	0	1	0	4	7	12	15	0	12	9	0	55
South Fork		0	2	1	0	0	0	3	0	11	8	0	0	0	0	19
Walkers Chapel		0	1	1	0	0	2									
Wilkies Grove	Mrs. Lana Smith, Rt. 8, Hickory 28601	1	1	1	1	1	0	5	5	8	5	12	10	3	0	43
Zion Hill	Mrs. Horace Sain, Rt. 4, Vale 28168	0	1	1	0	1	0	3	0	10	12	0	15	5	0	42
	TOTALS	12	15	15	5	17	0	64	75	113	153	50	190	66	0	647

TABLE F BROTHERHOOD 1975

Association: SOUTH MOUNTAIN

State: NORTH CAROLINA

Associational Brotherhood Director: REV. JOE EDWARDS

Address: Rt. 1 City: Casar State: North Carolina Zip: 28020

CHURCHES	BROTHERHOOD DIRECTORS & ADDRESSES	115 Crusaders (6-11 years or grades 1-6)	116 Pioneers (12-17 years or grades 7-12)	117 RA leader and committee	118 Baptist Men enrolment (18-59 years or H. S. graduation to retirement)	119 Other Baptist Men Groups	120 Brotherhood director and Other Brotherhood General Officers	121 Enrolment of Mission (s) of Church	122 Total ongoing Brotherhood enrolment	123 Other Boys involved in Mission activities	124 Miscellaneous Baptist Men
Abees Chapel	Nick Reed, Rt. 1, Box 356, Connelly Springs 28612	22	9	3	0	0	0	18	52	0	0
Berea	Ralph Sigmon, Jr., Rt. 2, Box 874B, Conn. Sp. 28612	9	13	2	30	0	1	0	55	0	0
Carswell Memorial	David Lewis, Rt. 11, Box 477A, Morganton 28655	0	2	1	11	0	1	0	15	0	0
Faith Olive		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	21	4
Midway	Rev. Lex Wright, Rt. 8, Box 646, Hickory 28601	1	12	4	13	0	0	0	30	0	0
Mt. Hebron	Dennis Wright, Box 351, Icard 28666	10	0	1	12	0	1	0	24	0	0
Mt. Vernon	Alton Heavner, Rt. 4, Vale 28168	5	11	1	15	0	3	0	35	0	0
Oak Ridge	Acie McGuire, Rt. 1, Box 287, Valdese 28690	20	10	6	6	0	1	0	43	0	0
Pisgah		16	9	2	0	0	0	0	27	0	0
St. Paul	Joe Goforth, Rt. 1, Casar 28020	12	7	3	38	0	3	0	63	0	0
Shoups Grove	Gerald Gragg, Box 233, Hildebran 28637	1	0	2	12	0	1	0	16	0	0
South Fork	Wayne Propst, 6 Litton St., Valdese 28690	13	2	4	0	0	0	0	19	0	0
Wilkies Grove		15	2	3	0	0	0	0	20	0	0
Zion Hill	Horace F. Sain, Rt. 4, Vale 28168	6	8	2	10	6	2	0	34	0	0
	TOTALS	130	85	34	147	6	13	18	433	21	4

TABLE G TOTAL RECEIPTS, LOCAL EXPENDITURES & STEWARDSHIP 1975

Association: SOUTH MOUNTAIN
State: NORTH CAROLINA
Associational Treasurer: MISS DORIS UPTON
Address: Rt. 2, Box 308 City: Vale State: North Carolina Zip: 28168

CHURCHES	TREASURERS & ADDRESSES	21	22						23	24	125	126	127	128	129	130	131	132	133	134
		Number of tithers	Budget prom. or emphasis used during the year. Simplified	Stewardship Revival	Committed to Tithe	Forward Program	Alt. Forward Program	None	Cooperative Program goal as percent of total budget	Associational missions goal as percent of total budget	Total tithes, all offerings, and special gifts	All other receipts	Total receipts	Money borrowed during the year	Church staff salaries	Money paid out on new construction during the year	Debt retirement during the year	Church literature	All other local expenditures	Total local expenditures
Abees Chapel	Ulen Lowman, Box 27, Valdese 28690	90						x	100		53844		53844		8570	11206		673	3298	23747
Berea	Russell Huffman, Rt. 1, Box 259, Valdese 28690	60			x				14	1	64626	396	65022		12297		9248	4255	39222	65022
Beulah	E. A. Rudisill, 201 1st Ave. S.E., Hickory 28601	13						x	2	4	4754		4754		4295			360	4177	8832
Carswell Memorial	Mrs. Wesby Carswell, Rt. 4, Box 304, Morganton 28655	15						x			14919		14919		6696	783		439	4417	12335
Corinth	Mrs. Debbie Newton, Rt. 1, Casar 28020	22						x			29537	136	29673		9465	6163		828	6588	23044
Drowning Creek	Mrs. Ruby Mauney, 134 38th St. NW, Hickory 28601							x			3328		3328						2729	2729
Faith Olive	Mrs. Gladys Allen, Rt. 8, Box 490, Hickory 28601	20						x			7477		7477		3899		612	175	1921	6607
Grace and Truth	Willie VanHorn, Sr., Rt. 7, Box 574A, Hickory 28601	12						x			2735	100	2835		2090	2208			968	5266
Hildebran View	Mrs. Sam Knox, Hickory 28601							x			1573		1573						1460	1460
Hoyle Memorial	Mrs. Helen Whisnant, Rt. 1, Box 351 Casar 28020	2						x			2393		2393		500	604		64	1289	2457
Laurel Haven	Vernon Bradshaw, Rt. 4, Box 409N, Morganton 28655	8						x			2477	82	2559		875	119		130	80	1204
Midway	Joseph Beaver, Rt. 7, Box 5, Hickory 28601	31						x			7312		7312		2425			389	746	3560
Mt. Calvary	Mrs.Nellie Franklin, Rt. 3, Box 774, Conn. Sp. 28612	25						x			12000		12000		5500			277	425	6202
Mt. Gilead	Mrs. Carrie Buff, Rt. 1, Conn. Sp. 28612	2						x			6080		6080		2100			96	609	2805
Mt. Hebron	Mrs. Alfred Lowman, Rt. 3, Box 692, Conn. Sp. 28612	65						x	12	1	41011	12932	53943		6660			1043	5056	12759
Mt. Vernon	Paul Leatherman, Rt. 2, Vale 28168	28						x	15	5	30427		30427		10030	1794		1098	6213	19135
Mt. Zion	Kevin Parker, Rt. 1, Casar 28020	4				x			6	2	3693	1157	4850		2148			150	640	2938
Mulls Chapel	Katherine Young, Rt. 1, Box 270, Conn. Sp. 28612	4						x			10246		10246		4810		1936	234	3723	10703
Oak Ridge	Edsel Johnson, Gen. Del., Hildebran 28637	76						x	10	2	42869		42869		8320	2100	3048	1927	16704	32099
Olive Grove	Mrs. Howard Walker, Rt. 1, Box 212, Casar 28020	17						x			17452		17452		7305	4121		373	3703	15502
Philadelphia	Mrs.Helen Lowman, Rt. 1, Box 288, Conn. Sp. 28612	18						x		2	10634	72	10706		7230			225	2600	10055
Pisgah	Mrs. Troy Warlick, Rt. 1, Casar 28020	20						x	10	6	20800	50	20850		10000			750	6670	17420
Pleasant Grove	Hubert H. Lindsey, Rt. 4, Box 318, Morganton 28655	10						x			11035		11035		1440	6336		259	5096	13131
St. Johns	Gerald Huffman, Rt. 1, Box 276B, Conn. Sp. 28612	23						x			20901		20901		7946			622	12333	20901
St. Paul	Alvin Cook, Rt. 2, Lawndale 28090	20						x			22751		22751		7225		1889	1377	9727	20218
Shoups Grove	Mrs. Maggie Huffman, Box 321, Hildebran 28637	64						x			36094		36094		9102		12516	884	15022	37524
Smarts Grove	Mrs. Mabel Lowman, Rt. 3, Box 890, Conn. Sp. 28612	45	x								23654		23654		7225		3107	349	8394	19075
South Fork	Mrs. Marie Eckard, Rt. 4, Box 792B, Hickory 28601	51						x	4	3	24361	447	24808		8994			823	14154	23971
Tabernacle	Mrs. John Glover, Rt. 1, Casar 28020	5						x			2100		2100		1085	500		86	409	2080
Walkers Chapel	Gene Huffman, Rt. 4, Morganton 28655	14						x			16616		16616		3410			159	592	4161
Wilkies Grove	Mrs. Dolly Bradshaw, Rt. 4, Hickory 28601	45						x	10.5	5	42348		42348		16020		5720	1250	3700	26690
Zion Hill	Mrs. Linda B. Cook, Rt. 2, Box 221, Lawndale 28090	40	x						7	3	30921		30921		9180		6249	2034	3650	21113
Zoar	John Philip Dellinger, Rt. 3, Box 59, Lawndale 28090	40						x			15747	840	16587		9964	2290		214	2570	15038
	TOTALS	889	2	0	1	1		29			636715	16212	652927	0	196806	38224	44325	21543	188885	489783

TABLE H MISSION EXPENDITURES 1975

Association: SOUTH MOUNTAIN
State: NORTH CAROLINA
Associational Superintendent of Missions (Associational Missionary): REV. HAROLD DELLINGER
Address: Rt. 1, Box 305 City: Shelby State: North Carolina Zip: 28150

CHURCHES	CHURCH CLERKS & ADDRESSES	135 Church Sponsored Missions: Money paid out on new construction during the year	136 Church Sponsored Missions: All other church sponsored mission expenditures	137 Church Sponsored Missions: Total church sponsored mission expenditures	138 Cooperative Program	139 OTHER MISSION CAUSE EXPENDITURES: Associational missions program	140 Designated: State missions	141 Designated: SBC Home Missions (incl. Annie Armstrong Easter offering)	142 Designated: SBC For. Mis. (incl. Lottie Moon Christmas offering)	143 Designated: Christian education (schools, etc.)	144 Designated: Children's homes (cash plus goods)	145 Designated: Hospitals	146 Designated: Homes for the aged	147 Designated: All other (Bible Society, Temp. League, etc.)	148 Total other mission cause expenditures	149 Grand Total Mission expenditures
Abees Chapel	Ivey E. Lowman, Rt. 1 Box 60Z, Valdese 28690	0	2670	2670		220	50	281	1751		100	150	100		2652	5322
Berea		0	0	0	6995	917	200	245	1500	61	36	64	37	916	3976	10971
Beulah	Peggie Houser, Rt. 1, Box 126B, Conn. Sp. 28612	0	0	0	296	120	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	120	416
Carswell Memorial	Sarah Carswell, Rt. 11, Box 469, Morganton 28655	0	0	0	145	175	35	168	593		98	81	53	161	1364	1509
Corinth	Patricia Bowen, Rt. 1, Box 13-A1, Casar 28020	0	0	0	600	350	257	356	864	121	454	597		921	3920	4520
Drowning Creek	Mrs. Viola Bryant, Rt. 3, Box 531, Conn. Sp. 28612															
Faith Olive	Mrs. Gladys Allen, Rt. 8, Box 490, Hickory 28601	0	0	0	20	33	55				30		10	298	426	446
Grace and Truth	Brenda Willis, Rt. 4, Box 509, Hickory 28601											25			25	25
Hildebran View	Mrs. Henry L. Lowman, Rt. 1, Box 273A, Conn. Sp. 28612										50				50	50
Hoyle Memorial	Vasco Price, Rt. 3, Lawndale 28090															
Laurel Haven	Mrs. Emily Ward, Rt. 4, Box 409V, Morganton 28655				25	25	13	20	45		18				121	146
Midway	Mrs. Connie Wright, Rt. 2, Box 595D, Conn. Spr. 28612	0	0	0	29				42		12				54	83
Mount Calvary	Nancy Franklin, Rt. 3, Box 774, Conn. Sp. 28612	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	420	0	25	25	25	0	495	495
Mount Gilead	Mrs. Iva Rhoney, Rt. 1, Box 221R, Conn. Sp. 28612						6								6	6
Mount Hebron	Mrs. Shirley Taylor, Rt. 3, Box 639, Conn. Sp. 28612	0	0	0	4571	520	0	639	1200	0	0	0	16	313	2688	7259
Mount Vernon	Lucille Upton, Rt. 2, Box 308, Vale 28168	0	0	0	3123	1090	25	120	1706	67	191	48	108	368	3723	6846
Mount Zion	Sonya Parker, Rt. 1, Casar 28020	0	0	0	200	65	25	0	0	0	15	15	15	0	135	335
Mulls Chapel	Clyde McClurd, 813 Rostan St., Valdese 28690	0	0	0	18	50	69	0	50	0	25	50	50	50	344	362
Oak Ridge	Sharon Wycoff, Rt. 2, Connelly Springs 28612	0	0	0	3700	750	150	190	1600	0	200	175	150	1500	4715	8415
Olive Grove	Mrs. Howard Walker, Rt. 1, Box 212 Casar 28020	0	0	0	0	50	0	0	0	0	122	48	0	17	237	237
Philadelphia	Mrs. Sadie Brittain, Rt. 1, Box 128B, Conn. Sp. 28612	0	0	0	27	201	0	23	100	0	31	52	0	46	453	480
Pisgah	Mrs. Austin Pruett, Box 13, Casar 28020	0	0	0	1725	100	45	130	250	0	10	5	0	950	1490	3215
Pleasant Grove	Ruth H. Walker, Rt. 1, Box 241, Conn. Spr. 28612	0	0	0	0	0	55	0	0	0	50	70	0	334	509	509
St. Johns	Lillie Huffman, Rt. 1, Box 129A, Conn. Sp. 28612	0	0	0	0	100	17	0	456	0	0	300	0	0	873	873
St. Paul	Alvin Cook, Rt. 2, Lawndale 28090	0	0	0	550	238	0	276	465	0	137	0	0	874	1990	2540
Shoups Grove	Mrs. Callie Townsend, Gen. Del. Hildebran 28637	0	0	0	900	195	32	110	750	0	100	56	0	284	1527	2427
Smarts Grove	Alberta Crawley, Rt. 3, Box 855H. Conn. Spr. 28612	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	750	0	105	72	0	0	927	927
South Fork	Mrs. Audrey W. Huffman, Rt. 4, Box 767, Hickory 28601	0	0	0	786	408	0	0	57	0	408	0	0	0	873	1659
Tabernacle	Mrs. Mae Tessneer, Rt. 1, Box 278, Vale 28168	0	0	0	50	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	25	0	25	75
Walkers Chapel	Ruth Keller, Rt. 1, Box 223C, Conn. Spr. 28612	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	67	50		405	522	522
Wilkies Grove	Mrs. Ruth Proctor, Rt. 4, Box 464, Hickory 28601	0	0	0	4281	2069	62	195	897	32	99	117	88	0	3559	7840
Zion Hill	Mrs. Alvin Cook, Rt. 4, Vale 28168	0	0	0	1683	613	25	0	353	0	76	31	41	127	1266	2949
Zoar	Stella Gettys, Box 56, Polkville 28136	0	0	0	0	15	0	750	700	0	0	0	0	0	1465	1465
	TOTALS	0	2670	2670	29724	8304	1121	3503	14549	281	2459	2031	718	7564	40530	72924

TABLE I SPECIAL INFORMATION 1975

Association: SOUTH MOUNTAIN

State: NORTH CAROLINA

Moderator: REV. HAROLD ASHE

Address: Box 240 City: Icard State: North Carolina Zip: 28666

CHURCHES	CHAIRMEN OF DEACONS & ADDRESSES	28 No. church-type missions started during the year	29 No. church-type missions currently operating	30 No. other-type missions started during the year	31 No. other-type missions currently operating	32 Number of church vocations volunteers	33 Kindergarten enrolment	34 Day Care enrolment	35 Bus Attendance	36 Doctrinal Emphasis Week enrolment	Does church have, observe, plan, use, etc.? 37 Major new bldg. or remodel. proj. within yr.	38 Library	39 Recreation staff (Comm.)	40 Church–The Sunday night place	41 Pastor educ. assistance	42 Baptist Men's Day	43 Lay Renewal Weekend	44 Broadcast on Radio or Television	45 Christian Educ. Comm.	46 Recreation or Act. Bld.	47 Lay Evangelism School	48 Day Camp	49 Day Camp Curriculum Prepared by BSSB	50 Christian C'ship Sunday	51 Christian Home Week	52 State paper in budget
Abees Chapel	Delkie Mourglea, Jr., Rt. 1, Box 358C, Conn. Sp. 28612	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	0		x														x
Berea	Brady Burns, Rt. 3, Box 516, Connelly Springs 28612	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	15	0		x	x	x		x	x	x			x			x	x	
Beulah	L. E. Willis, Rt. 1, Connelly Springs 28612	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0																
Carswell Memorial	James B. Smith, Rt. 4, Morganton 28655	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	x	x	x													
Corinth	J. L. Newton, Rt 1, Casar 28020	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0																
Drowning Creek	Grover Patton, Rt. 7, Box 511, Hickory 28601	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0																
Faith Olive	Grady Allen, Rt. 8, Box 490, Hickory 28601	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			x													
Grace and Truth	John H. Willis, Rt. 4, Box 506, Hickory 28601	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	x															
Hildebran View	Haywood Hoyle, Rt. 1, Connelly Springs 28612	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0																
Hoyle Memorial	Vasco Price, Rt. 3, Lawndale 28090	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0																
Laurel Haven	Jim Hoyle, Rt. 4, Box 409X, Morganton 28655	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	x		x			x								x	x	
Midway	Joseph Beaver, Rt. 7, Box 5, Hickory 28601	0	1	1	3	0	0	0	0	0			x							x						
Mount Calvary	Paul Carswell, Rt. 1, Connelly Springs 28612	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0																
Mount Gilead	Ronald Rhoney, Rt. 1, Box 221R, Connelly Springs 28612	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	x															
Mount Hebron	Auby Burns, Rt. 3, Connelly Springs 28612	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		x	x			x				x						
Mount Vernon	Blair Wesson, Rt. 2, Vale 28168	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			x	x	x										x	
Mount Zion	Buland Short, Rt. 1, Casar 28020	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0																
Mulls Chapel	Edd Keller, Rt. 4, Hickory 28601	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0																
Oak Ridge	L. D. Cole, Sr., Rt. 2, Connelly Springs 28612	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	25	0			x			x				x					x	
Olive Grove	Hazel Walker, Rt. 1, Casar 28020	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0																
Philadelphia	Alvin Brittain 1011 30th St., S. W. Hickory 28601	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0																
Pisgah	Jerald Norman, Rt. 1, Casar 28020	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	25	0		x	x		x	x				x						x
Pleasant Grove	Joe M. Walker, Rt. 1, Box 241, Connelly Springs 28612	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0								x								
St. Johns	Lonnie Brittain, Rt. 4, Hickory 28601	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0																
St. Paul	Earl Morrison, Rt. 3, Lawndale 28090	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		x	x			x										
Shoups Grove	Vance Brittain, Icard 28666	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	15	0		x	x			x										
Smarts Grove	R. E. Moses, Rt. 3, Connelly Springs 28612	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	x	x						x								
South Fork	John Munday, 407 26th St., SW Hickory 28601	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	40	0																
Tabernacle	Paul Navey, Rt. 5, Box 252, Shelby 28150	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				x												
Walkers Chapel	Alex Huffman, Rt. 1, Connelly Springs 28612	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0																
Wilkies Grove	Lee Johnson, Rt. 4, Hickory 28601	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		x	x													
Zion Hill	Warren Yancey, Rt. 3, Lawndale 28090	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			x			x							x	x		x
Zoar	Lester J. Lail, Rt. 3, Lawndale 28090	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0																
	TOTALS	0	1	3	0	0	0	0	126		5	9	13	3	2	8	1	3	0	4	1	1	1	2	4	3